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Fort Holabird, Maryland 21219

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20 January 1971


Mr. Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

This Agency is currently conducting a National Agency Check (NAC) on Mr. Charles H. Townes (Case # 341-0742).

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicate that an applicant type investigation was conducted on Mr. Townes in 1947, 1959 and 1969 and the FBI has referred us to you for detailed information. In order to properly document our case report, we request that you furnish us with a copy of the FBI report for inclusion in Mr. Townes dossier, which will be afforded appropriate protection to preclude unauthorized disclosure.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

  
Major, MI  
Officer-in-Charge  
Washington Field Detachment.

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*Gertrude L. Brown*  
WHITE HOUSE SECURITY OFFICE

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3/11/66, and 5/16/69 furnished to  
NACC on 1/28/71

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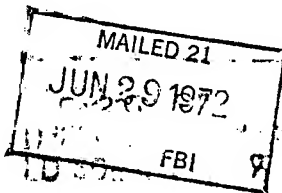
From: Acting Director, FBI (161-4379)

**CHARLES HARD TOWNES**  
**SPECIAL INQUIRY**  
**BUDED: 7/14/72**

*CHARLES H. TOWNES*

Office of Science and Technology, White House, has requested that May, 1969, investigation of Townes be brought up to date. Born 7/28/15, Greenville, South Carolina, and resides 1988 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, California. Up-to-date background data attached.

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EX-104  
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NOTE: Request received today from OST.

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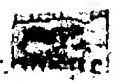
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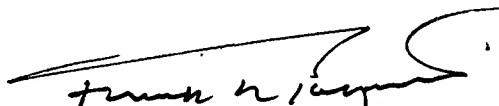
MEMORANDUM FOR Robert Haynes

SUBJECT: Request for Full Field Security Investigation

The attached Forms SF 86s on

Charles H. Townes 7/28/15  
(Name) (Date of Birth)

are being submitted for the purpose of conducting a full field security investigation to obtain White House approval prior to subject individual being appointed/utilized to serve as either a member of the staff or as a consultant in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology.

  
Frank R. Pagnotta  
Executive Officer

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Standard Form 86

AUGUST 1964  
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
(F.P.M. CHAPTER 736)  
84-107SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA  
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME  (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"	(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH
	Townes	Charles	Hard	July 28, 1915
	OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)			3. PLACE OF BIRTH
	None			Greenville, S. C.
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
				5. HEIGHT    WEIGHT    COLOR EYES    COLOR HAIR
				6'1"    180    Blue    Brn
6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)			
	Wife: Frances Hildreth Brown; Born Feb. 13, 1916, Berlin, N. H. Married: May 4, 1941, Berlin, New Hampshire			

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
1967	present	1988 San Antonio Avenue	Berkeley	California
1962	1967	5 Follen Street	Cambridge	Mass.
1961	1962	30 Francis Avenue	"	"
1959	1961	Corner, Ordway & 34th, N. W.	Washington	D. C.
9/1951	1959	720 West 231st Street	New York	N. Y.
9/1955	5/1956	Chatenay-Malabry		France
5/1956	9/1956	Nichi-Katamachi, Bunkyo-Ku	Tokyo	Japan
1/1948	9/1951	90 Morningside Drive	New York	N. Y.
7/1945	1/1948	111 Washington Avenue	Chatham	N. J.
1944	1945	3 Dempster Road	Chatham	N. J.
1944		River Road	Summit	N. J.
1944		Holiday House	Delray Beach	Florida

(cont. Item 28)

9. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	CERT. NO.		PETITION NO.	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).			
	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Greenville High School	Greenville, S. C.	1927	1931	none
Furman University	" " "	1931	1935	B. A. & B. S.
Duke University	Durham, N. C.	1935	1936	M. A.
California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, Calif.	1936	1939	Ph. D.

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 555-12-5071

13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) none

SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

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14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.  
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
1967	present	University of California	Berkeley, Calif.	University Professor	
1966	1967	Mass. Institute of Tech.	Cambridge, Mass.	Institute Professor	
1961	1966	" " " "	" " " "	Provost & Professor of Physics	
1959	1961	Institute for Defense Analyses	Washington, D. C.	Vice President and Director of Research	
1950	1961	Columbia University	New York, N. Y.	Professor of Physics	
1948	1950	" " " "	" " " "	Assoc. Prof. of Physics	
1939	1947	Bell Telephone Labs	Murray Hill, N. J.	Technical Staff Member	
1937	1939	Calif. Institute of Tech.	Pasadena, Calif.	Assistant in Physics	

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.  
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?  
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.  
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 23.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Approx. 4 trips to Europe between 1950 and 1955			
Approx. 8 trips to Mexico and Canada			

(continued on attached sheet)

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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NA

24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
American Physical Soc.	N. Y.	Professional	1935	present	member
" "	" "	"	1959	1962 and	member of
" "	" "	"	1965	1971	the Council
" "	" "	"	1966	1967	Vice President
" "	" "	"	1967	1968	President
Societe Francaise de					
Physics	France	"	1956	present	member
"	"	"	1956	1958	Council member

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25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Henry K. Townes(dec.)	10/16/1876	Greenville, S. C.	USA	USA
Mother	Ellen Hard Townes	11/6/1881	" "	"	"
Sister	Mary Townes Nyland	3/17/09	Weaverville, N. C.	"	"
Sister	Ellen Townes Taylor	5/16/11	Greenville S. C.	"	"
Brother	Henry K. Townes	1/20/13	Ann Arbor, Mich.	"	"
Brother	George F. Townes	8/21/27	Cleveland, S. C.	"	"
Wife	Frances Brown Townes	2/13/16	Berkeley, Calif.	"	"

ENCLOSURE

26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

Edwin McMillan 1401 Vista Road Lawrence Berkeley  
(cont. on atted.) El Cerrito, Calif. Laboratory, Berkeleysince 1950

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

A. L. Schawlow 849 Esplanado Way, Phys. Dept. Stanford since 1953  
Palo Alto, Calif. Univ., Stanford, Calif.

Marvin Goldberger 125 Fritz-Randolph Rd. Physics Dept., Princetonsince 1959  
(cont. on atted.) Princeton, N. J. Univ., Princeton, N. J.

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

Item 8

9/1941	1944	Mountain Road	Mendham	N. J.
5/1941	9/1941	East 10th Street	New York	N. Y.
1940	1941	Park Plaza Hotel	" "	" "
1940	1940	Claremont Avenue	" "	" "
1939	1940	Several other addresses in	" "	" "
1/1937	7/1939	500 Summer Street	Greenville	S. C.

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

## CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form  
is punishable by law.

June 20, 1972

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

## INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			



Townes, Charles Hard - Security Investigation Data (cont'd.)  
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Country	Dates	Purpose
France, England Switzerland, Italy Germany, Yugoslavia, Austria, Israel, India, Japan, and others	June 1955-Sept. 1956	Sabbatical Leave
Essen, Germany	October 1958	Attend Meeting
Switzerland	July 30-Aug. 1, 1960	Vacation
Italy	Aug. 1-18, 1960	Lecture at Enrico Fermi International School of Physics in Varenna
Spain	Aug. 18-31, 1960	Vacation
France	Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1960	Vacation
Portugal	Sept. 2, 1960	Vacation
Mexico City, Mex.	June 21-26, 1961	American Physical Society Meeting
France	July 28-30, 1961	Vacation
Stockholm, Sweden	July 30-Aug. 6, 1961	International Biophysics Congress, Stockholm
France	March 31, 1962	Lecture - College de France
France	April 1, 1962	Visit friends
The Netherlands	April 2-4, 1962	Give talk in The Hague
England	May 13-15, 1962	Second European American Assembly, Brighton
England	Aug. 24-30, 1962	9th Conference on Science and World Affairs, Cambridge
France	Feb. 11-16, 1963	Third International Conference on Quantum Electronics, Paris
Italy	Aug. 18-31, 1963	Director, Enrico Fermi International School of Physics
Italy	Aug. 31-Sept. 15, 1963	Vacation
England	Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 1963	Give Scott Lectures in Cambridge
Italy	April 2-3, 1964	Receive honorary degree in Milan
France	April 3-5, 1964	Tourist
Italy	Sept. 15-21, 1964	International meeting for 4th Centenary of the Birth of Galileo
Sweden	Dec. 3-16, 1964	Receive Nobel Prize
Mexico City, Mex.	March 9-16, 1965	Attend M.I.T. Fiesta
Poland	Sept. 6-9, 1965	Lecture at Instytut Fizyki in Warsaw
U.S.S.R.	Sept. 9-23, 1965	Guest of the Soviet Academy of Sciences
Egypt	Feb. 4-8, 1966	Vacation
Lebanon	Feb. 8-9, 1966	Weizmann Institute visit and to receive honorary degree from the Hebrew University
England	June 29-July 3, 1966	Visit connected with the President's Science Advisory Committee
Mexico City, Mex.	Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 1966	American Physical Society Meeting
Germany & France	Oct. 7-15, 1966	Visit connected with the President's Science Advisory Committee
Guadeloupe	Dec. 18-26, 1966	Vacation
Munich, Germany	Jan. 19-22, 1967	Conference with German scientists
Edmonton, Canada	Mar. 9-11, 1967	Receive honorary degree from the University of Alberta
Toronto, Canada	June 20-23, 1967	American Physical Society Meeting
Czechoslovakia	Aug. 20-30, 1967	International Astronomical Union Meeting, Prague
Canada	Sept. 13-19, 26-27, '67	Lectures at the University of Toronto
Italy	June 15-28, 1968	International Symposium on Contemporary Physics, Trieste
Switzerland, Germany	June 29-30, 1968	Vacation

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West Germany	July 1-5, 1968	Meeting of Nobel Prize Winners, Lindau
Switzerland	July 6-8, 1968	Vacation
Victoria, B. C.	Aug. 20-23, 1968	American Astronomical Society Meeting
England	July 6-12, 1969	Conference on Infrared & Microwave Radiation, Cambridge
East Africa & Europe	July 30-Aug. 31, 1969	L. A. Geographical Society's Tour of East Africa; lecture tour; vacation
England, India, Japan	Aug. 18-Sept. 14, 1970	International Conferences and lecture tour
England, France, Germany, Belgium	June 22-July 4, 1971	International Conferences and Lecture tour
Portugal, Spain, Iran, Armenia, USSR	Aug. 24-Sept. 12, 1971	International Conferences
Spain	May 10-24, 1972	COSPAR, Madrid

Item 24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Office Held</u>
American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science	Wash., D. C.	Professional	1948	present	member
American Assoc. of Physics Teachers	" " "	"	1948	1950	member
			1968	present	member
National Academy of Sci.	" " "	"	1956	"	member
" " "			1969	1972	member of the Council
" " "			1969	present	Chairman, Space Science Board
Sigma Xi	" " "	"	1939	present	member
National Geographic Society	" " "	Geographical	1959	present	member
American Academy of Arts & Sciences	Boston, Mass.	Professional	1959	present	member
Optical Society of Amer.	Washington, DC	"	1961	present	Honorary mem.
Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engrs.	New York, N. Y.	"	1958	present	Fellow
American Philosophical Society	Phila., Penn.	"	1960	present	member
American Astronomical Society		"	1963	present	member
American Geophysical Union	Wash., D. C.	"	1970	present	member
Society of Automotive Engineers	New York, N. Y.		1971	present	member

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J. A. Stratton	The Ford Foundation New York, N. Y.	since 1961
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Townes, Charles Hard

Item 27

May, 1970

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- ☐ Regular R (Analytical Search)
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Subject Lowrey, Charles Hard

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To: SAC, Washington Field (161-3562)

From: Acting Director FBI (161 4379)

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
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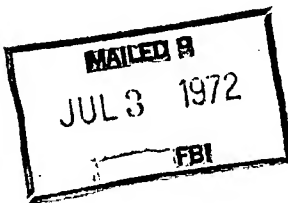
ReBureau airtel dated 6-29-72.

Since 1969 investigation of Townes, name checks concerning him have been made by the Atomic Energy Commission, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Office of Security, Department of State. Check appropriate records of those agencies during investigation.

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Boston (161-1521) (Enc. 2)

From: Acting Director, FBI (161-4379)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES

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BUDED: 7/14/72

Re Bureau airtel dated 6/29/72, to Washington Field, copies furnished New York. A copy of that airtel is attached for assistance of Boston.

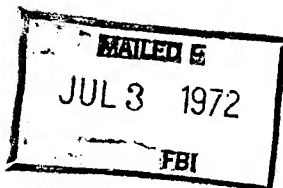
Refer to New York letter dated 7/22/70, and Boston letter dated 9/16/70, both captioned [redacted] "New York file [redacted] Boston file [redacted]. Letterhead memoranda enclosed with those letters contain information concerning Charles H. Townes. (105-66043-90, 100)

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)

FROM CINCINNATI (161-719) RUC 2P

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES SPECIAL INQUIRY BUDED JULY FOURTEEN NEXT

REBUAIRTEL TO WFO DATED JUNE TWENTYNINE LAST.

ON JULY SIX LAST

CENTRAL INDEX FILES, DISCO, COLUMBUS, OHIO ADVISED THAT TOWNES IS  
ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CLERANCES:

TOP SECRET CLEARANCE DATED MAY TEN SIXTY BASED ON A BACKGROUND  
INVESTIGATION BY FBI DATED OCTOBER FOURTEEN FIFTYNINE AND ALSO A  
NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK BY THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DATED  
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TOP SECRET CLEARANCE DATED DECEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSEVEN  
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IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION, MAIN

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AVENUE, ORWALK, CONNECTICUT, TOP SECRET CLEARANCE DATED JULY TWENTY TWO SIXTYNINE BASED ON THE ABOVE LISTED BI NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK CLEARANCE IS ACTIVE AND EMPLOYING AGENCY IS NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, TWO ONE ZERO ONE CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON DC.

TOP SECRET CLERANCE DATED MARCH TNIRTY SEVENTY BASED ON THE ABOVE LISTED BI, CLERANCE IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS DOCTOR CHARLES H. TOWNES, CONSULTANT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY CAMPUS, ROOMS FIVE FIVE ONE AND FIVE FIVE SEVEN, BIRGE HALL, BERKELEY, CALIFONIA. [ ] ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD HAD THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN TRAVEL.

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SEPTEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE TO SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE AND ALSO AUGUST NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN TO AUGUST THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN IN THE COUNTRIES OF POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND RUSSIA FOR PURPOSE OF MEETING.

JUNE FOURTEEN , SIXTYEIGHT TO JULY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT IN THE COUNTRIES OF GERMANY, AND YUGOSLAVIA, PURPOSE LISTED AS MEETINGS.

JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYONE TO SEPTEMBER FIVE SEVENTYONE IN THE COUNTRIES OF BELGIUM, GERMANY AND FRANCE FOR PURPOSE OF MEETINGS.

AUGUST SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TO SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, SEVENTY IN THE COUNTRIES OF ENGLAND AND JAPAN FOR PURPOSE OF MEETING.

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Date: 7/7/72

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (161-1521) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
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Rebuairtel to Boston and New York dated  
7/3/72.

A review of Boston file [ ] entitled  
[ ] OO; NY", NY file  
[ ] Bufile [ ] reflects that all  
information contained therein referring to appointee  
was furnished by the same NYO Confidential source.

NYO is requested to report all pertinent  
information.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)

NEW HAVEN

WFO (161-3562)

FROM CINCINNATI (161-710) RUC 2P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES SPIN BUDED JULY FOURTEEN NEXT

RE CINCINNATI NITEL TO BUREAU JULY SEVEN LAST AND BUREAU  
TELEPHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW HAVEN, AND WFO, DISCO RECORDS REFLECT  
CLEARANCES WERE ISSUED TO TOWNES AS FOLLOWS, WHICH RELECT ADDITIONAL  
INVESTIGATION:

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ACTIVE AND EMPLOYING AGENCY IS PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION, MAIN  
AVENUE, NOWALK, CONNECTICUT.

FOR INFORMATION, TOWNES DESCRIBED AS DOB JULY TWENTYEIGHT  
FIFTEEN, SSAN FIVE FIVE FIVE DASH ONE TWO DASH FIVE ZERO SEVEN ONE.

NEW HAVEN CONTACT PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION AND CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

WFO CONTACT INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSES AND CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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TO: ACTING, DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379) AND  
SAC, ALEXANDRIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED JULY FOURTEEN, NEXT.  
RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO ACTING DIRECTOR, JULY ELEVEN,  
SEVENTYTWO, NO COPY TO ALEXANDRIA.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALEXANDRIA, DISCO RECORDS REFLECT  
CLEARANCES WERE ISSUED TO TOWNES AS FOLLOWS, WHICH REFLECT  
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

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GROUND INVESTIGATION BY FBI DATED OCTOBER FOURTEEN, FIFTYNINE,  
AND ALSO NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK BY THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE, DATED SEPTEMBER EIGHT, FIFTYNINE. CLEARANCE IS  
ACTIVE AND EMPLOYING AGENCY IS INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSES,  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

ALEXANDRIA AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. CONTACT INSTITUTE FOR  
DEFENSE ANALYSES AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION **NOT RECORDED**

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>COLUMBIA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>7/11/72</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/6-7/72</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHARLES HARD TOWNES</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>rca</b> <span style="float: right;">b6 b7C</span>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

*ES* REFERENCE: Bureau airtel, 6/29/72

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Date: July 11, 1972

Office: Columbia

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Field Office File #: CO 161-16

Bureau File #: 161-4379

Title:  
CHARLES HARD TOWNESCharacter:  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Residences of CHARLES HARD TOWNES' mother, sister, and brother at Greenville and Cleveland, S. C. verified. Arrest check negative.

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DETAILS:AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

[REDACTED] Sarah Simpson Gosset Home for the Aged, advised on July 7, 1972, that Mrs. ELLEN HARD TOWNES was currently residing at the home at 27 Conestee Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. TOWNES has been residing at the home for approximately one year. She stated that Mrs. TOWNES is a 90 year old woman who has enjoyed an excellent reputation in the community for years.

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[REDACTED] verified on July 7, 1972, that Mrs. ELLEN TOWNES TAYLOR resides [REDACTED] at 4305 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville. He advised that Mrs. TAYLOR is a widow and that she has an excellent reputation in the community.

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b7CAT CLEVELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA (GREENVILLE COUNTY)

On July 7, 1972, Mr. M. L. JARRARD, Box 128, Cleveland, South Carolina, advised that he has known GEORGE FRANKLIN TOWNES and his family for approximately 30 years. He verified that TOWNES resides on the Star Route in Cleveland, South Carolina, and that he enjoys an excellent reputation.

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in the community.

**ARREST:**

The following persons checked the records of their respective agencies on July 6, 1972, and they all advised that they could locate no record for GEORGE FRANKLIN TOWNES, ELLEN HARD TOWNES and ELLEN TOWNES TAYLOR:

[REDACTED] Criminal Records, Detective  
Division, Greenville, South Carolina Police Department.

[REDACTED] Records Officer, Greenville  
County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Office.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

SAN FRANCISCO (161-947)

FROM NEWARK (161-876)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED JULY FOURTEEN, NEXT.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD JUNE TWENTY NINE, LAST.

ON THIS DATE [REDACTED] TO MR.

MARVIN GOLDBERGER, ONE TWO FIVE FRITZ-RANDOLPH ROAD, PRINCETON,  
NEW JERSEY, WHO IS LISTED ON APPOINTEE'S APPLICATION AS A CLOSE  
PERSONAL ASSOCIATE ADVISED MR. GOLDBERGER COULD BE CONTACTED  
AT THE THEORETICAL GROUP, LAWRENCE BERKLEY LABORATORIES, BERKLEY,  
CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE FOUR ONE FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR THREE DASH  
TWO SEVEN FOUR ZERO EXTENSION FIVE EIGHT FIVE ONE. GOLDBERGER  
WHO HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, WILL BE AT  
ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE, NEXT.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SEATTLE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>7/12/72</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/5-7/72</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHARLES HARD TOWNES</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>jgm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to WFO, 6/29/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Credit checks concerning the [REDACTED] were conducted in both [REDACTED] in an effort to establish the identity between the [REDACTED] and the person of the same name with the [REDACTED] residence address who [REDACTED] reported herein; however, no credit record for [REDACTED] was located either in [REDACTED].

The confidential sources mentioned in this report who were contacted in this case are identified as follows:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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CONTACTED BY

MAX L. WILSON

R. BERT CARTER

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The confidential informant mentioned in this report is identified as follows:

INFORMANT

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Office of Secretary  
of State, Olympia,  
Washington (By  
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## Copy to:

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Date:

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Office:

Seattle, Washington

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Field Office File #: 161-620

Bureau File #: 161-4379

Title:

CHARLES HARD TOWNES

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Current residence of [redacted]  
verified. [redacted][redacted] neighbor has had little contact, but  
considers reputation good, as far as he knows.Names of [redacted] appeared  
as [redacted]No arrest record for [redacted] located.  
[redacted] refused to submit for [redacted]  
[redacted] on [redacted] stated on inter-  
view [redacted] name was [redacted][redacted]. Confidential sources had  
no knowledge of, or information concerning [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case in the state of Washington was conducted as follows:

At Bremerton and Port Orchard and Bainbridge Island  
by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Arrest records check at Seattle, by SE [redacted]

[redacted]  
The Standard Form 86 of the applicant [redacted]  
born [redacted] whose address  
[redacted]

On July 7, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] have resided with [redacted]  
at [redacted] since the early part  
of [redacted] having moved there from an unknown address in [redacted]  
[redacted] He stated he very seldom sees [redacted]  
and he does not know whether either or both of them are employed,  
but they have caused no problems in the neighborhood and as  
far as he knows, they are of good reputation.

On October 26, 1970, confidential informant SE T-1  
advised [redacted]

[redacted]

The SWP has been designated by  
the Attorney General of the  
United States pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

ARREST RECORDS

On July 6, 1972, [redacted] Bremerton, Washington  
Police Department, and [redacted] Kitsap County Sheriff's  
Office, Port Orchard, Washington, which agencies cover Bain-  
bridge Island, Washington, advised the files of their offices  
contained no arrest record for [redacted]

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On July 7, 1972, the files of the Seattle, Washington Police Department, and the King County Department of Public Safety, Seattle, Washington, contained no arrest record for [REDACTED]

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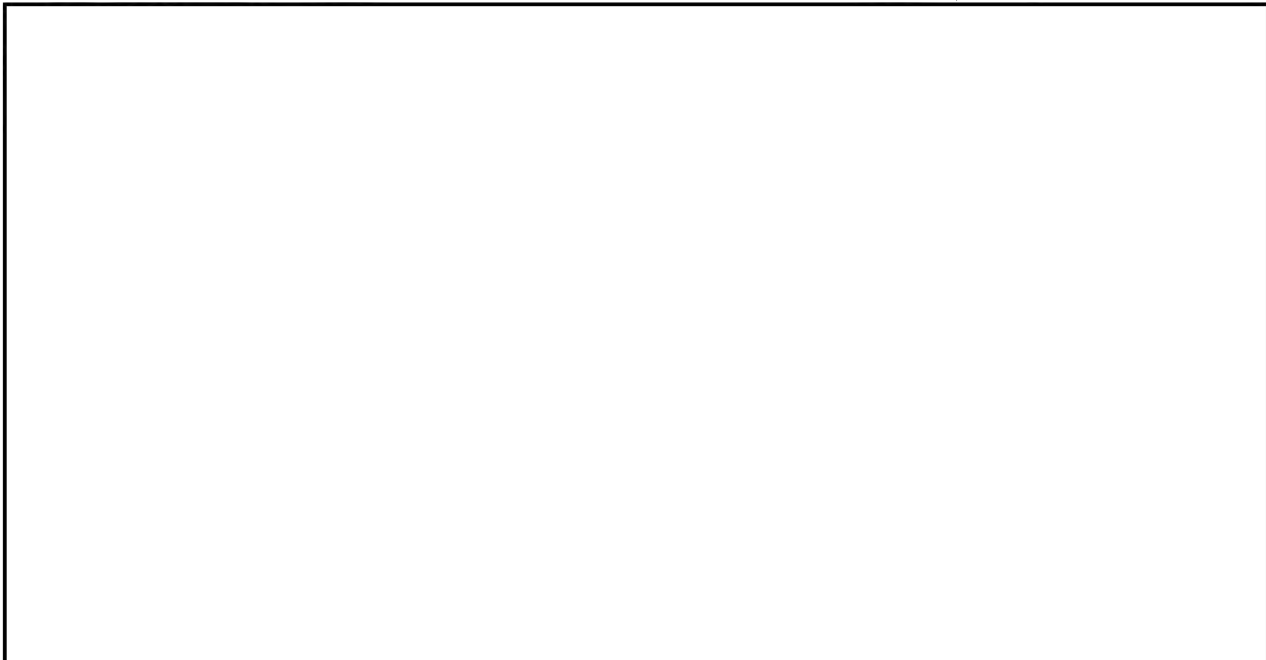
The files of the Seattle Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Seattle, Washington, on April 15, 1970, that on [REDACTED]  
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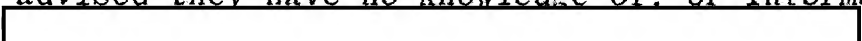
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MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential sources of the Seattle Division who are acquainted with certain activities of the SWP in the Seattle area were contacted during the course of this investigation and advised they have no knowledge of, or information concerning 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Seattle, Washington  
July 12, 1972

Title	CHARLES HARD TOWNES
Character	SPECIAL INQUIRY
Reference	Communication dated and captioned as above at Seattle, Washington.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED JULY FOURTEEN NEXT.  
RE: CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, SEVEN ELEVEN,  
SEVENTY TWO.

AT NORWALK, CONN. EMPLOYMENT:

ALL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED SEVEN TWELVE SEVENTY TWO.

PERKIN- ELMER CORPORATION

ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE  
SEVEN FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX WITH TOP SECRET CLEARANCE  
GRANTED DEC. TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN. APPOINTEE KNOWN  
TO [REDACTED] SINCE BECOMING MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

APPOINTEE IS <sup>was</sup> PROVOST OF MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., AND HAS <sup>had</sup> RESIDED FIVE FOLLEN ST., CAMBRIDGE,  
SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HE HAS NEVER RESIDED IN CONN.  
APPOINTEE INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN FOR RESEARCH IN FIELDS OF  
MICROWAVE PHYSICS AND LASER PHYSICS. IS FORMER NOBEL PRIZE  
WINNER FOR ROLE IN INVENTION OF MAZER AND LASER BEAM AREAS.

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[REDACTED] CONTACT HAS BEEN PROFESSIONAL. HE POSSESSES NO DEROGATORY INFO CONCERNING APPOINTEE WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE ARDENT LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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[REDACTED] AND MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PERKIN-ELMER, HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVEN YEARS PROFESSIONALLY AND TO LIMITED EXTENT SOCIALLY. APPOINTEE CONSIDERED BRILLIANT PHYSICIST, HIGHLY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT WORLD FOR WORK IN MICROWAVE PHYSICS AND RELATED AREAS. FORMER NOBEL PRIZE WINNER. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS APPOINTEE LOYAL AMERICAN WHO BELIEVES FIRMLY IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION. RECOMMENDS UNEQUIVOCALLY.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PERKIN-ELMER, ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ATTENDS ALL SUCH MEETINGS AS [REDACTED] HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVEN YEARS BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND TO A LESSER DEGREE SOCIALLY. APPOINTEE CONSIDERED NOT

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ONLY BRILLIANT IN FIELD OF BASIC PHYSICS, BUT WORLD AUTHORITY  
ON MICROWAVE AND LASER BEAMS AND RELATED FIELDS OF PHYSICS.  
FORMER WINNER NOBEL PRIZE FOR WORK IN LATTER FIELDS.  
CONSIDERS APPOINTEE PERSONALLY TO BE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL  
AND ONE WHO BRINGS OUT BEST IN CO-WORKERS. FROM  
PERSONAL CONTACT, KNOWS APPOINTEE LOYAL TO DEMOCRATIC  
FORM OF GOVERNMENT. NO DEROGATORY INFO. RECOMMENDS  
WITHOUT RESERVATION.

IN VIEW OF DEADLINE THIS MATTER, NO REPORT SUBMITTED  
NEW HAVEN, UACB.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>		

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated 6/29/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Dr. EDWIN McMILLAN advised that due to the closing of the school year, many members of the staff in the Physics Department are out of town and consequently are unavailable at this time.

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## Copy to:

Report of:

 tcaOffice: San Francisco, California<sup>b6</sup><sub>b7c</sub>

Date:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

CHARLES HARD TOWNES

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment, University of California, Berkeley, verified and favorable. Employer, fellow employees, associates, and neighbors recommend. Residences of members of Appointee's family verified. No police record located for Appointee. Appointee has satisfactory credit rating. No police record located for members of Appointee's family.

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DETAILS

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]  
AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

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EMPLOYMENT

On July 10, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Payroll Section, University of California at  
Berkeley (UCB), advised that CHARLES H. TOWNES, date  
of birth July 28, 1915, Social Security number 555-12-5071  
is employed as a professor at large of physics and employed  
at UCB since July 1, 1967. Professor TOWNES' employment  
file indicated that he has also been employed as a  
research physicist doing research on the subject of optical  
beams and research on radiation beginning July 1, 1968  
through September 30, 1968, July 1, 1969 to July 31, 1969,  
July 1, 1970 to July 30, 1970. He also was employed  
doing research in the space science laboratory August 1,  
1970 to September 30, 1970 and he was doing research on  
radiation at the same time with his space science laboratory  
work during July 1, 1971 to August 31, 1971 and terminated  
his research on radiation on September 31, 1971. Professor  
TOWNES' file contained no information pertinent to this  
investigation.

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X On July 11, 1972, EDWIN M. MC MILLAN, Director,  
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, also listed by TOWNES as  
a reference, advised that he has been acquainted with  
Professor CHARLES TOWNES for many years. He stated  
that he has the highest regards for Professor TOWNES'  
character, reputation and associates. He stated that  
Professor TOWNES' loyalty to the country is beyond  
question. Professor TOWNES has been appointed to many  
Government positions and held many positions requiring  
unquestionable background and loyalty to the country.  
Director MC MILLAN stated that he would recommend  
Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence  
with the Government.

X On July 11, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and associate professor of physics, UCB,  
advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES

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TOWNES since Professor TOWNES came to the University in 1967. He also was acquainted with Professor TOWNES' family on a limited basis. Associate professor [redacted] advised that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. He stated that Professor TOWNES is a loyal American citizen and a man who is world renowned as a scientist. Associate professor [redacted] stated he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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[redacted] professor of physics, UCB, advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES as colleagues for the past two to three years; however, he has known of Professor TOWNES by reputation and his work for many years. Professor [redacted] has no social acquaintance with Professor TOWNES' family. He stated that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. He stated that Professor TOWNES is doing some exciting work in the field of physics relative to astrophysics and he is a man of great ability and high intelligence. Professor [redacted] stated that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a loyal American citizen and stated he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 11, 1972, LUIS W. ALVAREZ, professor of physics, UCB, advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES for the past 20 years. He has had close association with Professor TOWNES for the past 5 years. Professor ALVAREZ stated that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a first-class scientist who has made great strides in the field of physics. He also advised that Professor TOWNES' character, reputation and loyalty to the country are above reproach. Professor ALVAREZ advised he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 11, 1972, ARTHUR H. ROSENFELD, professor of physics, UCB, and leader of Group A at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES since 1964. Professor ROSENFELD advised that Professor TOWNES is a great patriot, a great scientist being the man responsible for inventing the laser for which he received the Nobel Prize and a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. He advised that he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

On July 11, 1972, [ ] professor of physics, UCB, advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES since Professor TOWNES came to the University in 1967. They have worked together as colleagues, however, Professor [ ] has only been acquainted socially with Professor TOWNES on few occasions. Professor [ ] considers Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. He is a very able scientist and an excellent researcher. Professor [ ] advised that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a loyal American citizen and stated he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 11, 1972, [ ] Senior Staff Physicist, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, advised that he is acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES only on a limited basis in that they are both physicists and associated with the University of California and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. [ ] advised that he considers Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. He has no reason to question his loyalty to the country and stated he would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 12, 1972, [ ] Quantum Electronics and Astrophysics Group, advised that she has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES for the past three years in that she has worked closely with him as a [ ]. She stated that Professor TOWNES is a man of excellent character, reputation and his loyalty to the country is beyond question.

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She stated she would recommend him for any position of trust and confidence with the Government. She further advised that she is acquainted with his family and stated that [redacted] [redacted] is presently residing at the home of Professor CHARLES TOWNES. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] is currently residing at [redacted] due to her employment for the summer.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA

[REDACTED]  
AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

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On July 12, 1972, CHARLES J. HITCH, President, University of California, advised that he has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES of the Physics Department at the University of California at Berkeley since Professor TOWNES came to the university a few years ago. President HITCH stated that Professor TOWNES is one of the great men of our time. His loyalty to the country is beyond question. Professor TOWNES is a man of excellent character, reputation, and associates. He is a world-reknown scientist and a man President HITCH would recommend without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]  
AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

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NEIGHBORHOOD

On July 11, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that she has been acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES and his family as neighbors since Professor TOWNES moved into the neighborhood some five years ago. [REDACTED] stated that she considers the TOWNES family to be a fine family, and are well thought of in the neighborhood. She believes Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates and she would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 11, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that she has been acquainted for about one year as a neighbor with Professor CHARLES TOWNES and his family. [REDACTED] advised that she considers Professor TOWNES to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. She considers the family to be responsible, trustworthy and loyal to the country. [REDACTED] advised she would recommend Professor TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On July 11, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he is slightly acquainted with Professor CHARLES TOWNES and his family in that they have lived in the neighborhood for several years. [REDACTED] stated that he has no reason to question Professor TOWNES loyalty to the country or his character. He stated that he would be unable to give a recommendation for Professor TOWNES due to the fact that he is not personally acquainted with Professor TOWNES.

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POLICE RECORD

The following investigation was conducted by  
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On July 6, 1972, the files of the Berkeley Police Department contained no record identifiable with CHARLES HARD TOWNES. [REDACTED]  
or [REDACTED]

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On 7/12/72, [REDACTED] further advised that

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✓ [Professor CHARLES TOWNES, his wife FRANCES BROWN TOWNES, his daughter, ELLEN S. TOWNES ANDERSON and her husband are currently residing at 1988 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, California.]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]  
AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

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PERSONAL ASSOCIATE

On July 5, 1972, [REDACTED] to  
Dr. ARTHUR L. SCHAWLOW, Professor of Physics, Stanford  
University (SU), advised that Dr. SCHAWLOW is travelling,  
currently in England, and therefore is unavailable. She  
stated she has served as Dr. SCHAWLOW's [REDACTED]  
for approximately [REDACTED] years, and as a result is well acquainted  
with Dr. TOWNES. She stated that Dr. TOWNES and Dr. SCHAWLOW  
are the co-inventors of the laser. She stated that Dr.  
SCHAWLOW's association with Appointee dates back prior to  
[REDACTED]. She added that as a  
result of her association with Dr. TOWNES, she has only  
the highest respect for him, both professionally as well  
as personally. She stated he is well known and respected  
professionally, and stated his character, loyalty, and  
associations are certainly above reproach. She concluded  
by recommending him highly for a position of trust and  
confidence.

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RESIDENCE

On July 7, 1972, [REDACTED]  
Wav. advised she is well acquainted with Dr. SCHAWLOW and  
[REDACTED]. She stated she has known them as  
neighbors since 1965. She stated both are of excellent  
character, unquestioned loyalty, and associations, adding  
that they are highly respected members of the Stanford  
community.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

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The files of the Palo Alto Police Department and Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Jose, California, were checked on July 12, 1972 and no arrest record found identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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POLICE RECORD

The following investigation was conducted by  
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AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

A review of the records of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office on July 6, 1972, disclosed no information identifiable with Appointee.

CREDIT RECORD

The following investigation was conducted by  
SC [REDACTED]

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

On July 6, 1972, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau Metro, Incorporated, which covers Berkeley, California, advised that her files show a satisfactory credit rating for Appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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On July 12, 1972, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he and his wife are the  
owner-managers of the property located at [REDACTED]

Mr. HENDERSON stated that [REDACTED] is  
currently residing at [REDACTED] To the best of  
his knowledge, she is a [REDACTED] of good character and  
reputation.

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[REDACTED] advised that his wife is more  
familiar with the tenants than is he, but he has never  
heard his wife utter an unfavorable comment about  
[REDACTED] stated that he does not  
know what [REDACTED] employment, if any, is.

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The files of the San Francisco Police Department  
were checked on July 12, 1972 and no record found  
identifiable with [REDACTED]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to WFO, 6/29/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

WFO and Alexandria telephonically furnished OSI  
and NIS dossier numbers on 7/11/72 as follows:

OSI SF H 58 36-7195

NIS RM 128520

USAI RR files reviewed 7/11/72 are as follows:

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ANDRE M. BORDELON  
Date: July 13, 1972

Office: BALTIMORE

Field Office File #: 161-1933

Bureau File #: 161-4379

Title: CHARLES HARD TOWNES

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

DCII check of 7/7/72 disclosed information re CHARLES HARD TOWNES located in files of U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (USAIRR), Naval Investigative Service (NIS), and the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) of the Air Force. Review of Army files on 7/11/72 reflect no pertinent information in addition to that previously utilized by the FBI in conducting this investigation. Review of OSI and NIS files appear elsewhere in this investigation.

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DETAILS:

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), comprising indices to Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps investigative files, was checked through a representative of that agency on July 7, 1972, and reflected that information regarding CHARLES HARD TOWNES is located in files of the U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (USAIRR), Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Washington, D.C., and the Naval Investigative Service (NIS), at Alexandria, Virginia.

A review of USAIRR files on July 11, 1972, reflected no pertinent information in addition to that previously utilized by the FBI in conducting this investigation.

A review of OSI and NIS files will appear elsewhere in this investigation.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JULY  
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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, JUNE TWENTY NINE,  
LAST, AND BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY THREE, LAST.

ASSOCIATE, DR. JULIUS A. STRATTON, FORMER CHAIRMAN  
OF BOARD, FORD FOUNDATION, NYC, NOW PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX ONE  
SEVEN-ZERO SIX ONE-ZERO NINE FIVE ZERO.

DR. STRATTON HAS RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE IN PAST.

BOSTON CONTACT STRATTON.

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REFERENCE:

Charlotte report of SA  5/5/69.  
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: July 13, 1972

Office: CHARLOTTE

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Field Office File # CE 161-462

Bureau File #: 161-4379

Title: CHARLES HARD TOWNES

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No identification record located for FRITZ C. NYLAND  
or wife, MARY NYLAND. Residence verified.

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DETAILS:

On July 10, 1972, [REDACTED] Buncombe County  
Bureau of Identification, Asheville, North Carolina, advised  
she could locate no record identifiable with FRITZ C. NYLAND  
or his wife, MARY TOWNES NYLAND.

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On July 10, 1972, [REDACTED] Asheville,  
North Carolina, Police Department, Records Room, advised she  
could locate no record identifiable with FRITZ C. NYLAND or his  
wife, MARY TOWNES NYLAND.

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On July 10, 1972, Chief of Police CLEVE HONEYCUTT,  
Weaverville, North Carolina, advised he is familiar with FRITZ  
C. NYLAND and his wife, MARY TOWNES NYLAND, who live on Hamburg  
Mountain Road. Chief HONEYCUTT advised the NYLANDS are very  
well regarded in the Weaverville, North Carolina, area, and he  
knows nothing derogatory about them.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS (161-C) RUC 2P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPI.

RECORDS, NPRC-C, ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. FIVE FIVE FIVE DASH ONE TWO DASH FIVE ZERO SEVEN ONE, EMPLOYED BY DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING GROUP, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, WASH., D.C., AS CONSULTANT, INTERMITTENT, FROM MARCH THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, TO DECEMBER NINE SIXTYNINE. RESIGNED DUE TO PRESSURE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

EMPLOYED BY NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SPACE FLIGHT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AS CONSULTANT, INTERMITTENT, FROM MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYFOUR, TO JUNE THIRTY, SEVENTY. TERMINATED BY REASON OF COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT.

BIRTH DATA SHOWN AS JULY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTYEEN, AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.

NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION WAS NOTED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE WFO PHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, JULY TWENTY, INSTANT.

BUDED: JULY FOURTEEN, SEVENTYTWO.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY ST. LOUIS, UACB.,

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)  
CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
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BUDED: 7/14/72 (past)

ReWFO airtel dated 7/14/72.

LEAD:WFO CSC and State-SY out.DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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White House Office

Office of Science and Technology (OST)

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] on July 12, 1972:

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A search of the records of the Personnel Office, White House Office revealed no record concerning the appointee, CHARLES HARD TOWNES.

[redacted] Administrative Office, OST, advised that since the previous investigation, the appointee's status changed from that of member of the Presidential Science Advisory Committee (PSAC) to consultant to the OST following the expiration of his PSAC commission on December 31, 1969. Her records contain no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted]  
OST, advised that the appointee's top secret security clearance was updated on August 12, 1969 following the completion of an FBI full field background investigation earlier that year. [redacted] noted that [redacted]

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[redacted] OST, is the only individual presently with the OST who she thought might be able to comment substantially concerning the appointee. She noted, however, that [redacted] is in Paris on official business and is not due to return until the week of July 17.



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White House Office  
Office of Science and Technology (OST)

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OST, and [redacted] of the President's Science Advisory Council (PSAC), advised SA [redacted] on 7/18/72, that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for several years. He had extensive contacts with TOWNES while he was a member of PSAC, approximately 1966-1969. During that time, he came to know him as an intelligent, hardworking and dedicated individual. He considers TOWNES to be a completely loyal citizen and has no question about his character, associates and reputation. He is aware that TOWNES has been held on the rolls of OST as a consultant and he is certain that TOWNES will successfully complete any task or project assigned to him. He would definitely recommend CHARLES H. TOWNES for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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National Academy of Sciences (NAS)  
National Academy of Engineering (NAE)  
National Research Council (NRC)

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR. on July 19, 1972.

[redacted] National Academy of Sciences - National Academy of Engineering - National Research Council (NAS-NAE-NRC), has known Dr. CHARLES HARD TOWNES for the past 12 years or longer and as a professional acquaintance. He has had considerable contact with appointee in the council of the NAS-NAE-NRC and knows him fairly well. He knows the appointee to be a renown scientist who is widely known and greatly respected. To the best of his knowledge appointee is also a very fine person and a very stable and sound individual. [redacted] knows of absolutely no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommended the appointee most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] NAS-NAE-NRC, has known the appointee for several years but primarily in connection with the latter's membership in the council of the NAS-NAE-NRC since 1969. He knows the appointee to be a very prominent scientist and he has the highest personal regard for him. He knows of absolutely nothing adverse to the appointee and he definitely recommends him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Division of Physical Sciences, NAS-NAE-NRC, has had a great deal of professional contact with the appointee over many years. He has particularly had close contact with the appointee since the latter became chairman of the Space Science Board which falls under [redacted] Division of Physical Sciences. They have also had contact in the council of the NAS-NAE-NRC in which [redacted] serves as an alternate member.

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[redacted] has the highest regard for the appointee and knows him to be a most prominent man in the scientific field and one who is greatly respected and world renowned. He knows of absolutely nothing adverse to the appointee and he considers the latter a very capable, solid, level-headed and trustworthy individual. He recommended the appointee most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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Records of the National Academy of Sciences -  
National Academy of Engineering - National Research Council  
(NAS-NAE-NRC), reviewed by SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., on  
July 18, 1972, disclose that CHARLES H. TOWNES was granted a  
Top Secret Clearance July 17, 1969, by the Department of  
Defense, Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO)  
for membership in its council of the NAS. This clearance  
is still in effect.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
(NASA)

On July 18, 1972, SA FORREST F. BURGESS reviewed the Security File on CHARLES HARD TOWNES, born July 28, 1915, which file is maintained in the Security Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and included the following information on him.

He was granted a Secret Clearance by NSSA on July 18, 1972, based on a Full-Field Investigation by the FBI in 1969.

[REDACTED] Security Division,  
NASA, advised SA BURGESS on July 19, 1972, that he had recently ascertained that CHARLES HARD TOWNES had been utilized by NASA for the past two years as a Consultant for the Space Program Advisory Council, NASA. Consequently a Secret Clearance was granted him on July 18, 1972.

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The records of the Personnel Division, NASA disclosed the OPF on him was sent to the Federal Records Center on April 17, 1972. There is no record presently maintained in the Personnel Division that discloses TOWNES has been utilized as a Consultant by NASA in the past two years. A service record card for TOWNES revealed his appointment as a Consultant to the Science and Technology Advisory Committee of NASA terminated June 30, 1970.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Office of Manned Space Flight,  
National Aeronautics and Space Flight (NASA) advised  
SA BURGESS as follows on July 18, 1972:

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He had a limited professional association with CHARLES HARD TOWNES, the appointee. [redacted] had attended about two meetings of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC), NASA, at which the appointee was present. The appointee, as a Consultant for NASA, had served on this committee during the 1960s and had been Chairman of the committee for approximately two years. This committee was composed of people with highly specialized technical backgrounds and highly intellectual. The appointee served very capably as Chairman of such a group.

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The appointee is an outstanding physicist and a Nobel Prize winner. He is extremely knowledgeable and competent in his specialized field. To the best of [redacted] knowledge his character and reputation are outstanding and his loyalty to his country unquestionable. No information of a derogatory nature concerning him has come to [redacted] attention nor has he observed the appointee to have any objectionable habits. [redacted] highly recommended the appointee for a position of responsibility and trust in the United States Government.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>DETROIT</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>7/13/72</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/7 - 10/72</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHARLES HARD TOWNES</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ROBERT L. MAYFIELD</b>	TYPED BY <b>lak</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPIN</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to WFO, 6/29/72.  
 Detroit report of SA ROBERT L. MAYFIELD, 5/7/69.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT L. MAYFIELD Office: Detroit, Michigan  
Date: 7/13/72  
Field Office File #: 161-607 Bureau File #: 161-4379  
Title: CHARLES HARD TOWNES

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Police records, Ann Arbor, Mich., make no reference to HENRY K. TOWNES, 5950 Warren Rd., Ann Arbor, brother of appointee. Residence verified through investigation. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
have no police record. Residence verified.

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DETAILARREST

AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN:

On July 7, 1972, [REDACTED] Record Bureau, Washtenaw County Sheriffs Office, and [REDACTED] Record Bureau, Ann Arbor Police Department, advised the records of their respective offices make no reference to the following relatives of the appointee:

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Mr. HENRY K. TOWNES  
5950 Warren Road

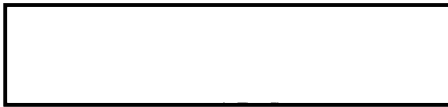
Mrs. MARJORIE TOWNES  
5950 Warren Road

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RESIDENCES

On July 10, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised HENRY K. TOWNES, 5950 Warren Road, has been his neighbor for nearly 15 years. He stated TOWNES is a professor of Entomology at the University of Michigan. He stated TOWNES is a very respectable person and maintains an excellent character and reputation in the neighborhood.

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On July 10, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised [redacted]  
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[redacted] have  
resided at this address since June, 1970. He stated the  
[redacted] are excellent tenants and are regarded highly  
as to character and reputation.

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7:21 PM URGENT 7-14-72 JWH  
TO ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)  
FROM BOSTON (161-1521)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED  
JULY FOURTEEN, SEVENTY TWO.

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE, JULY THIRTEEN,  
SEVENTYTWO AND NEW HAVEN TELETYPE, JULY TWELVE,  
SEVENTYTWO.

ASSOCIATE:

ON JULY FOURTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO DR.

JULUIS A. STRATTON, EMERITUS PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT  
HE IS CONFINED TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL, BOSTON,  
MASS., IN SERIOUS CONDITION, AND IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379) (BY COURIER)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1701) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: JULY  
FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO.REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, JUNE TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN  
SEVENTY TWO.ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT CHECK  
NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE.

[REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT PERSONNEL AND SECURITY OFFICES OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSIS (IDA), ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA,  
REVEALED APPOINTEE HAS REMAINED IN A CONSULTANT STATUS TO  
IDA SINCE LAST INVESTIGATION, MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.  
APPOINTEE CURRENTLY HOLDS TOP SECRET CLEARANCE FROM DEFENSE  
INSTITUTE SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

ALEXANDRIA WILL REPORT RESULTS OF NIS AND [REDACTED] CHECK ON  
APPOINTEE AS SOON AS SAME IS MADE AVAILABLE.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (161-947) (RUC)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JULY FOURTEEN, NEXT.

RE NEWARK TELETYPE JULY TWELVE, LAST.

ON JULY THIRTEEN, INSTANT PROFESSOR MARVIN L. GOLDBERGER, CHAIRMAN PHYSICS DEPARTMENT, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRESENTLY AT THE LAWRENCE BERKELEY LABORATORY FOR THE SUMMER DOING RESEARCH, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. THEY HAVE WORKED TOGETHER ON MANY OCCASIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO SERVED ON MANY COMMITTEES TOGETHER AND HAVE HAD CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION. PROFESSOR GOLDBERGER STATED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HIS LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY IS BEYOND QUESTION. HE HAS A FINE FAMILY. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS THE WORLD LEADING AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF LASERS WHICH HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND ALSO MICROWAVE AMPLIFICATION OF STIMULATED EMISSION RADIATION. PROFESSOR GOLDBERGER ADVISED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS AN OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AND A MAN WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. PROFESSOR GOLDBERGER STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES WITHOUT QUESTION FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2016) (RUC) 2P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES SPI. BUDED JULY FOURTEEN INSTANT.

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL, JUNE TWENTY NINE LAST AND BUREAU  
AIRTEL, JULY THREE LAST; BOSTON AIRTEL, JULY SEVEN LAST; AND  
NEW YORK TEL, JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

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CORPORATION, ARMONK, NEW YORK, ADVISED VIA TELEPHONE CALL  
FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE MANY  
YEARS AS PERSON OF OUTSTANDING PERSONAL HABITS AND AS  
OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST. STATED HAS WORKED WITH TOWNES ON

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PAGE TWO/VARIETY OF PROGRAMS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND HAS FOUND APPOINTEE TO BE TOPS IN EVERY RESPECT. KNOWS APPOINTEE'S FAMILY AS PERSONS OF HIGH REPUTE AND REGARDS TOWNES AS DEVOUT AMERICAN CITIZEN. HE RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE HIGHLY.

ALL INFORMATION RELATING APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CONTAINED IN NEW YORK LHM, JULY TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY, AND BOSTON LHM, SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY. SOURCE FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION UNAWARE OF NATURE OF CONTACT AND NO LONGER IN POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION. BUREAU FILE [REDACTED]

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. RUC.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (161-4379)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (161-947) (RUC) 3P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPI, BUDED JULY FOURTEEN LAST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO ON JULY  
FOURTEEN LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE BERKELEY LABORATORY AND LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY,  
ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES  
TOWNES ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. [REDACTED]  
STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED DR. TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT  
CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HIS LOYALTY TO THE  
COUNTRY IS BEYOND QUESTION. [REDACTED] WOULD RECOMMEND DR. TOWNES  
FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED]

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN  
ACQUAINTED WITH DR. TOWNES SINCE NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT DR. TOWNES IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER,  
REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND  
A MAN WHOM [REDACTED] WOULD RECOMMEND HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF  
TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON INSTANT DATE CARSON D. JEFFRIES, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH DR. TOWNES FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS. HE CONSIDERS DR. TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES, AND HIS LOYALTY IS ABOVE REPROACH. DR. JEFFRIES WOULD RECOMMEND DR. TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON INSTANT DATE ARTHUR T. KIP, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH DR. TOWNES SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. HE CONSIDERS DR. TOWNES TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HE WOULD RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON INSTANT DATE DR. WOLFGANG PANOFSKY, DIRECTOR OF STANFORD LINEAR ACCELERATOR (SLAC), HAS HAD LONG PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH TOWNES ON MANY SENSITIVE PROJECTS. TOWNES IS A PERSON

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OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND IS A LOYAL AMERICAN.  
HE IS AN EXCELLENT <sup>S</sup>PHYSICIST AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR  
A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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HAS KNOWN TOWNES SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY  
AND SOCIALLY. HE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING HIS  
CHARACTER AND ASSOCIATES AND HE ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION  
AMONG FELLOW WORKERS. HIS LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY IS UNQUESTION-  
ABLE. HE CONSIDERS HIM TO HAVE OUTSTANDING ABILITY IN HIS  
PROFESSIONAL FIELD. HE RECOMMENDS HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION  
OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)(161-4379)  
SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-2221)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JULY FOURTEEN,  
LAST.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL JUNE TWENTYNINE LAST, NO COPY ST. LOUIS  
AND WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS INSTANT DATE.

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHITE HOUSE REQUESTED  
MAY, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE INVESTIGATION OF TOWNES BE BROUGHT UP  
TO DATE. BORN JULY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTEEN GREENVILLE,  
SOUTH CAROLINA, AND RESIDES BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, WHERE IS  
PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
FIVE FIVE FIVE ONE TWO FIVE ZERO SEVEN ONE.

DURING NINETEEN SIXTYNINE INVESTIGATION, APPOINTEE EMPLOYED  
AS CONSULTANT NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
(NASA), SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SERVICE

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PERSONNEL, SECURITY DIVISION, NASA, BELIEVE APPOINTEE UTILIZED AS CONSULTANT BY NASA DURING PAST TWO YEARS, BUT NO RECORD IN PERSONNEL OR SECURITY DIVISION.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILE REGARDING NASA EMPLOYMENT AND SUTEL TO BUREAU.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)  
FROM SEATTLE (161-620) (RUC) 2P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPI.

RE BUREAU CALL JULY NINETEEN LAST AND REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1701)(P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES

SPI

BUDED: 7/14/72

Re AX teletype to Bureau 7/14/72.

NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE CHECK

SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters and was advised on 7/20/72 that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

LEAD:ALEXANDRIA

AT [ ]

Will report results of [ ] check on appointee as soon as same is made available.

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Approved: [Signature]  
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Date: 7/24/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) P

CHARLES HARD TOWNES,  
SPI

BUDED: 7/14/72 (past)

Re WFO airtel dated 7/20/72; WFO teletype dated  
7/20/72.LEAD:WFO CSC and STATE-SY out.DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.1-Bureau  
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Colonel [REDACTED]

Space Program Advisory Council (SPAC) and [REDACTED]  
the Advance Program, Office of the Associate Administrator  
for Space Science, National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA), advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS  
as follows on July 20, 1972:

The SPAC was initiated in 1971 and had its first meeting on April 19, 1971, altogether it has met about three times on a quarterly basis. Dr. CHARLES H. TOWNES, by virtue of the fact that he is Chairman of the Space Science Board, National Academy of Science, is an ex-officio member of SPAC. Because of this, it is necessary for him to be appointed per se as a Consultant of NASA. However, NASA pays his travel expenses and is per diem for his attendance at meetings of SPAC. Colonel [REDACTED] has known Dr. TOWNES for approximately 15 years. He is among the top ten per cent physicists in the country. He is completely trustworthy and absolutely stable. He relates very well with the people with whom he is in contact. He is tactful and diplomatic, while at the same time being slightly reserved. Nothing of an adverse nature concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty has come to Colonel [REDACTED] attention. There has been no indication to Colonel [REDACTED] that the appointee has any objectionable habits. Colonel [REDACTED] highly recommended the appointee for a position of responsibility and trust in the United States Government.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) P

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BUDED: 7/14/72 (past)

*Aug 1 1972*

Re WFO airtel dated 7/24/72.

LEAD:

WFO will report results of CSC check when it becomes available.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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OFFICE OF SECURITY (SY)

U.S. State Department

The files of the Office of Security (SY), Department of State, Washington, D.C., reviewed by SA ALLAN A. ANDERSON on July 27, 1972, disclose that SY conducted a background investigation on the appointee in July, 1969, with favorable results.

SY file reflects appointee was granted an Excepted Appointment (not to exceed one year) as a Physical Science Administrative Officer, Consultant (when actively employed) with the International Scientific and Technical Affairs Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., on August 19, 1969.

SY conducted a partial National Agency Check in March, 1972, with favorable results.

No other pertinent information was contained in the file.

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CC TO: [Redacted]  
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 ANS. BY: *PL BPZ*

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 ANS. BY: *RP AH*

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 ANS. BY: *SLC/STL*

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July 27, 1972

CHARLES HARD TOWNES. *University*

THE INVESTIGATION OF DR. TOWNES COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

This summary memorandum covers the period since May, 1969. Dr. Townes was born on July 28, 1915, in Greenville, South Carolina.

*1968 San Antonio*  
*Berkeley, California*

Employment

Dr. Townes has continued to serve as a Professor of Physics at the University of California, Berkeley, California. He was also employed by the University of California as a research physicist until September, 1971.

He continued as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee, Washington, D. C., until December, 1969, and since then has been employed by the Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., as a consultant.

Dr. Townes has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Perkin-Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, Connecticut, since 1966.

He has continued to serve as a consultant to the Institute for Defense Analyses, Arlington, Virginia, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D. C. He has been employed by the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Washington, D. C., as a consultant since August, 1970.

Dr. Townes was employed as a consultant by the Defense Communications Agency, Washington, D. C., from March, 1968, to December, 1969.

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Return to Mr. Auerswald, Room 7637.

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- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

**Charles Hard Townes**

**Marital Status and Residence**

Dr. Townes is married to the former Frances Hildreth Brown. They reside at 1988 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, California.

**Interviews**

Charles J. Hitch, President of the University of California, Berkeley, California, advised he has been acquainted with Dr. Townes since 1967 when Dr. Townes joined the faculty of the University of California. He described Dr. Townes as "one of the great men of our time," and said he is held in high regard throughout the world as a scientist. He stated he has no question whatsoever concerning Dr. Townes's character, loyalty, reputation, or associates, and advised he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

[redacted] Associate Professor of Physics and [redacted] University of California, Berkeley, California, advised he has been acquainted with Dr. Townes on a professional basis since 1967. He said he has also had a limited amount of social contact with Dr. Townes and the other members of his immediate family. He stated Dr. Townes is world renowned as a scientist, and said he considers him to be a loyal American of excellent character and reputation. Professor [redacted] advised that his associates are reputable individuals. He stated he would recommend Dr. Townes for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Professor of Physics and Group Leader, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, California, stated he has been acquainted with Dr. Townes since 1964. He described Dr. Townes as "a great patriot and great scientist," and noted he received the Nobel Prize in physics in 1964. Dr. Rosenfeld furnished favorable comments concerning Dr. Townes's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and advised he would recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Marvin L. Goldberger, Chairman of the Department of Physics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, was interviewed at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley, California, where he is presently performing research work. He said he has been acquainted with

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Dr. Townes for twenty years and has worked with him on many occasions. Dr. Goldberger stated he has served on numerous committees with Dr. Townes, and they have been closely associated over the years. He described Dr. Townes as an outstanding scientist who has been responsible for many fine contributions in his field of science. Dr. Goldberger advised he considers Dr. Townes to be a man of excellent character and reputation, and said his loyalty and associates are above reproach. He stated he would not hesitate to recommend Dr. Townes for any position of trust and confidence with the Government.

[redacted] President's Science Advisory Committee, and [redacted] Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., advised he has been acquainted with Dr. Townes on a professional basis for several years. He said he had numerous contacts with Dr. Townes during the period from 1966 to 1969 when Dr. Townes served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. [redacted] described Dr. Townes as an intelligent, dedicated, and hard-working individual, and stated he has no question concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, or associates. He recommended Dr. Townes for a position of trust and confidence.

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Twenty-three additional persons, including professional associates, social acquaintances, and neighbors, were interviewed during the investigation of Dr. Townes. They furnished favorable comments concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, integrity, and associates, and recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government. Dr. Townes was described as a brilliant physicist and an excellent researcher. It was stated that he is widely known and highly respected as a scientist and that he is very capable, trustworthy, and responsible. Persons acquainted with his close relatives advised they are considered to be reputable individuals.

**Close Relatives**

Dr. Townes's father, Henry K. Townes, is deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife, mentioned previously:

**Mother**

**Ellen Hard Townes  
Greenville, South Carolina**

**Charles Hard Townes**

**Sister**

**Mary Townes Nyland  
Weaverville, North Carolina**

**Sister**

**Ellen Townes Taylor  
Greenville, South Carolina**

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**Brother**

**Henry Keith Townes  
Ann Arbor, Michigan**

**Brother**

**George Franklin Townes  
Cleveland, South Carolina**

**Credit and Arrest Checks**

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Townes.

The files of appropriate law enforcement agencies were found to contain either no record or no additional information concerning Dr. Townes or his close relatives.

**Clearances**

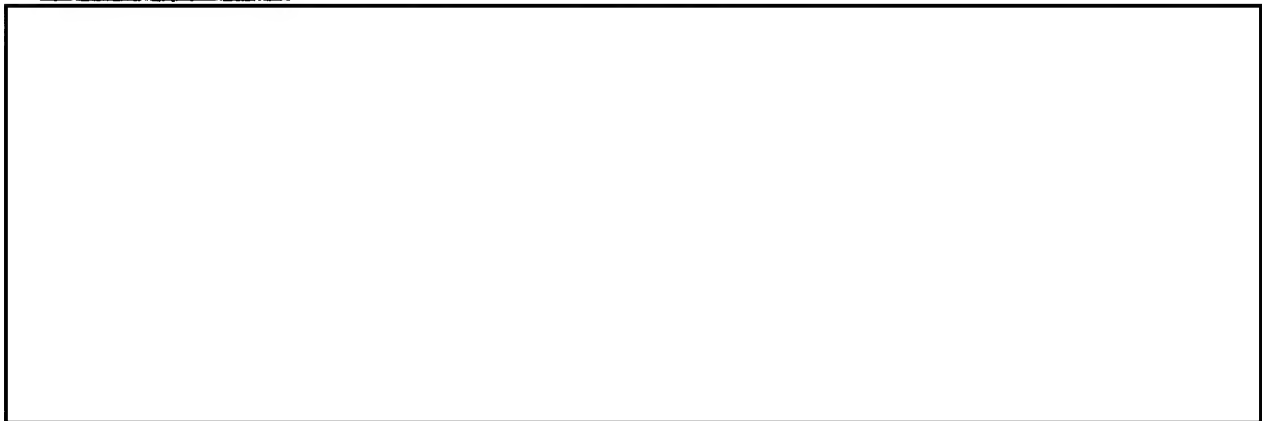
Dr. Townes continues to have an active top secret security clearance which was issued by the Defense Industrial

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Security Clearance Office, Columbus, Ohio, and an active secret security clearance which was issued by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A "Q" security clearance which was issued to Dr. Townes by the Atomic Energy Commission on November 12, 1959, continues to be active.

He was issued a top secret security clearance by the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in August, 1970, and this clearance is presently active.

**Miscellaneous**



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**The Socialist Workers Party has been  
designated pursuant to Executive Order  
10450 (Federal Employee Security Program).**



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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Townes;

House Committee on Internal Security;  
Defense Industrial Security Clearance  
Office, Columbus, Ohio; Defense Central  
Index of Investigations and United States  
Army Investigative Records Repository,  
Fort Holabird, Maryland; Naval Investi-  
gative Service, Naval Intelligence  
Command; United States Arms Control and  
Disarmament Agency; Passport Office,  
Department of State; Atomic Energy  
Commission; National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration; United States Secret  
Service; and the Office of Science and  
Technology, Executive Office of the  
President.

The central files of the FBI, including the files  
of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent  
information concerning Dr. Townes.

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Date: 8/4/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) RUC

CHARLES HERB TOWNS

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EUD.D: 7/14/72 (past)

Re WFO airtel dated 7/27/72.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.MISCELLANEOUS

SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on August 4, 1972, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/9/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) RUC  
CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPI  
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Re telephone conversation with Bu Sup AUERSWALD,  
on 8/7/72.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] Bureau of  
International Scientific and Technological Affairs, Department  
of State, advised SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR on August 9, 1972,  
that TOWNES has been carried on their rolls since his first  
appointment on August 19, 1969. He has been utilized intermit-  
tently as needed.

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*Summary*

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

DHZ

October 12, 1972

Mr. Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Mr. Charles <sup>0</sup>Hard Townes, who was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on July 28, 1915, has been a member of the Space Program Advisory Council for several years.

Inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has indicated that it conducted a background investigation on Mr. Townes in 1972 for the White House, it is requested that a copy of the report of that investigation be released to NASA.

Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Edwin H. Stevens  
Director of Security

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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE

WHITE HOUSE SECURITY OFFICE

Summary memoranda dated 10/14/66, 3/11/66, 5/16/69, and 7/27/72-b6 furnished to NASA on 10/18/72-b7c

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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YOUR REFERENCE

25 FEB 1976

[Redacted]  
Staff Assistant (Security)  
The White House  
Room 43, Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear [Redacted]

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The National Science Foundation has requested the Civil Service Commission to conduct an investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 on Charles Hard Townes, born July 28, 1915, in Greenville, South Carolina.

We have been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the results of an applicant type investigation conducted in 1966, 1969 and 1972 concerning Mr. Townes were furnished to the White House.

Please send me copies of the investigation for referral to the National Science Foundation, or let me know if you decide the information should not be released.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert J. Drummond, Jr.*  
Robert J. Drummond, Jr.  
Director

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Summary memoranda dated 10-14-59, 3-11-66, 5-16-69, and 7-27-72 furnished to CSC on 3-17-76.

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ALEXANDRIA ([6]-1701) PRIORITY

ST. LOUIS ([6]-2221) PRIORITY

CINCINNATI ([6]-710) PRIORITY

BALTIMORE ([6]-1933) PRIORITY

NEW HAVEN ([6]-1473) PRIORITY

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976,  
WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION  
TO BRING UP TO DATE JULY, 1972, SPECIAL INQUIRY OF TOWNES WHO  
IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT  
INDICATED.

BORN JULY 28, 1915, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARRIED TO

NOTE: Request received today.

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FORMER FRANCES HILDRETH BROWN, HAS FOUR CHILDREN, RESIDES  
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PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. - HAS SSAN  
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SEE WHO'S WHO, 38TH EDITION, PAGE 3098, FOR ADDITIONAL  
BACKGROUND DATA.

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AND CINCINNATI CHECK DISCO.

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FOR INFORMATION WASHINGTON FIELD RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTI-  
GATION FURNISHED TO NASA OCTOBER 18, 1972, AND CSC MARCH 17,  
1976.

WHITE HOUSE DESIRES THIS CASE BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS  
ATTENTION. CONSEQUENTLY, BUDED MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.  
NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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## Type of References Requested:

- ☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

## Type of Search Requested:

- ☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☒ Variations

Subject Charles Hard Townes  
 Birthdate & Place 7-28-15, Greenville, S.C.  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Localities

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

161-4379  
WW-883098

September 14, 1976

TO: ROBERT MOORE, FBI

FROM:

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATIONS (PLEASE EXPEDITE)

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Subject's Name Charles Hard Townes

Date of Birth 7/28/15 Place of Birth Greenville, South Carolina

Present Address: 1988 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, California

We request:                      Copy of Previous Report

                     Name Check

XX Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

                     White House Staff Position

XX Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

                     SF 86 ( in duplicate)

                     SF 87, Fingerprint Card

XX Biography

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SF, AX, 54,  
CI, BA, NH  
KRP: mal  
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Remarks:

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**TOWNES, CHARLES HARD**, physicist; b. Greenville, S.C., July 28, 1915; s. Henry Keith and Ellen Sumter (Hard) T.; B.A., B.S., Furman U., 1935; M.A., Duke, 1937; Ph.D., Cal. Inst. Tech., 1939; m. Frances H. Brown, May 4, 1941; children—Linda Lewis, Ellen Screven, Carla Keith, Holly Robinson. Mem. tech. staff Bell Telephone Lab., 1939-47; asso. prof. physics Columbia, 1948-50, prof. physics, 1950-61; exec. dir. Columbia Radiation Lab., 1950-52, chmn. physics dept., 1952-55; provost and prof. physics Mass. Inst. Tech., 1961-66, Inst. prof., 1966-67; v.p., dir. research Inst. for Def. Analyses, Washington, 1959-61, U. prof. U. Cal. at Berkeley, 1967—; Guggenheim fellow, 1955-56; Fulbright lectr. U. Paris, 1955-56, U. Tokyo, 1956; lectr., 1955, 60, dir. Enrico Fermi Internat. Sch. Physics, 1963; Scott lectr. U. Cambridge, 1963; Centennial lectr. U. Toronto, 1967. Dir. Perkin-Elmer Corp. Mem. Pres.'s Sci. Adv. Com., 1966-69, vice chmn., 1967-69; chmn. sci. and tech. adv. com. for manned space flight NASA, 1964-69. Trustee Carnegie Instn. of Washington, Woods Hole Oceanographic Instn. numerous hon. degrees and awards, including Nobel prize for physics, 1964; Stuart Ballantine medal Franklin Inst., 1959, 62, Thomas Young medal and prize Inst. Physics and Phys. Soc. (Eng.), Distinguished Pub. Service medal NASA, 1969; Michelson-Morley award, 1970. Fellow Am. Phys. Soc. (mem. council 1959-62, 65-71, pres. 1967), Optical Soc. Am., I.E.E.E. (medal honor 1967); mem. Am. Philos. Soc., Am. Astron. Soc., Am. Acad. Arts and Scis., Nat. Acad. Scis. (mem. council 1969-72, chmn. space sci. bd. 1970-73; Comstock award 1959), Societe Francaise de Physique (mem. council 1956-58), Phys. Soc. Japan. Co-author: Microwave Spectroscopy, 1955. Author, co-editor: Quantum Electronics, 1960; Quantum Electronics and Coherent Light, 1964. Editorial bd. Rev. Sci. Instrument, 1950-52, Phys. Rev., 1951-53, bd. Rev. Sci. Instrument, 1950-52, Phys. Rev., 1951-53, Jour. Molecular Spectroscopy, 1957-60. Contbr. articles to sci. publs. Patentee masers and lasers. Office: Dept Physics U Cal at Berkeley Berkeley CA 94720

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CHARLES HARD/TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976,  
WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION  
TO BRING UP TO DATE JULY, 1972, SPECIAL INQUIRY OF TOWNES WHO  
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OF TOWNES WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT,  
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BORN JULY 28, 1915, AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
MARRIED TO FORMER FRANCES HILDRETH BROWN, HAS FOUR CHILDREN,  
RESIDES 1988 SAN ANTONIO AVENUE, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, AND  
IS PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, HAS  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 555-12-5071.

CHARLES HARD TOWNES WAS INTERVIEWED AND SUPPLIED THE  
FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS RELATIVES  
AND REFERENCES. FATHER, HENRY K. TOWNES IS DECEASED, DATE  
OF BIRTH OCTOBER 16, 1876, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.  
MOTHER, ELLEN H. TOWNES, DATE OF BIRTH NOVEMBER 6, 1881,  
RESIDES AT NURSING HOME, SARA GOSSET, 29 CONESTEE AVENUE,  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. SISTER, MARY NYLAND, DATE OF  
BIRTH MARCH 17, 1909, CURRENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT  
SCHLOSS LEPODSKRON, 5010 SALZBURG, AUSTRIA. SISTER, ELLEN  
TAYLOR, DATE OF BIRTH MAY 16, 1911, CURRENT ADDRESS 4205  
OLD BUNCOMBE ROAD, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. SISTER,  
AURELIA SCHAWLOW, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 16, 1924, CURRENT  
ADDRESS 859 ESPLANDO WAY, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. BROTHER,

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HENRY K. TOWNES, JR., DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 20, 1913, 5950  
WARREN ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. BROTHER, GEORGE F. TOWNES,  
DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 21, 1927, HOME ADDRESS NO NUMBER, LISTED  
AS STAR ROUTE, CLEVELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, BUSINESS ADDRESS,  
121 MANLY STREET, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES WERE LISTED BY APPOINTEE:

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COMPANY, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT.

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PROFESSOR ARTHUR SCAWLOW, PHYSICS DEPARTMENT, STANFORD  
UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. PROFESSOR KENNETH PITZER,  
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

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ALL OTHER OFFICES VERIFY RESIDENCE OF RELATIVES THROUGH  
ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND CONDUCT POLICE RECORD CHECKS.

NEW HAVEN AT NORWALK, CONNECTICUT. INTERVIEW CHESTER  
NIMITZ, JR. AND ROBERT SORENSON, BOTH OF PERKIN AND ELMOR  
COMPANY.

WHITE HOUSE DESIRES THIS CASE BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS  
ATTENTION, CONSEQUENTLY, BUDED MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.  
NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 16, 1976, AND  
SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU SEPTEMBER 20, 1976.

NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

COULD BE LOCATED IN FILES MAINTAINED BY PALO ALTO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT (PAPD), PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AS CHECKED ON  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE AT [REDACTED]

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STATED THAT SEVERAL [REDACTED] RESIDE AT THE  
ADDRESS AND ALL ENJOY A GOOD REPUTATION. THEY SEEMED TO  
BE CONCERNED WITH COLLEGE TYPE ACTIVITIES.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, THAT HE IS  
NOT FAMILIAR WITH [REDACTED]  
HOWEVER DOES KNOW THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE AT  
[REDACTED] HAVE NOT CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

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IT WAS DETERMINED THIS DATE THAT APPOINTEE'S  
REFERENCE, PROFESSOR ARTHUR SCHAWLOW, WILL BE  
UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23, 1976.  
SAN FRANCISCO WILL FOLLOW AND INTERVIEW.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT BY SA [REDACTED]

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED] SARAH GOSSETT SIMPSON NURSING HOME, 27 CONESTEE AVE., GREENVILLE, S.C., VERIFIED THE RESIDENCE OF ELLEN H. TOWNES AT THAT NURSING HOME.

SAME DAY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ELLEN TAYLOR RESIDES AT 4205 OLD BUNCOMBE ROAD, GREENVILLE, S.C. [REDACTED] ALSO VERIFIED BUSINESS ADDRESS OF GEORGE F. TOWNES AS 121 MANLEY STREET, GREENVILLE, S.C.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATIONS.

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SAME DAY, [REDACTED] POSTMASTER, CLEVELAND, S.C., ADVISED  
GEORGE F. TOWNES RESIDES STAR ROUTE, CLEVELAND. SAME DAY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RECORDS, GREENVILLE COUNTY, S.C., LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER,  
ADVISED HE HAD NO RECORD REGARDING APPLICANT'S MOTHER, SISTER OR  
BROTHER.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPI, BUDED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976.

INVESTIGATION AT NPRC-C, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, DISCLOSED  
OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER (OPF) FOR APPOINTEE'S PRIOR FEDERAL  
EMPLOYMENTS TRANSFERRED ON NOVEMBER 29, 1972, TO: NATIONAL AERO-  
NAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C., ATTN:

CODE BPM. OPF HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO DATE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE - ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND REVIEW OPF.  
VERIFY FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SUBSEQUENT TO SPECIAL INQUIRY CONDUCTED  
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BORN JULY 28, 1915, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARRIED TO

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FORMER FRANCES HILDRETH BROWN, HAS FOUR CHILDREN, RESIDES 1988 SAN ANTONIO AVENUE, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, AND IS PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. HAS SSAN 555-12-5071.

SEE WHO'S WHO, 38TH EDITION, PAGE 3098, FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CENTRAL INDEX FILES, DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE (DISCO), COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED THAT CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SSAN 555-12-5071, IS AND/OR WAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CLEARANCES:

TOP SECRET, DATED MAY 10, 1960, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THIS CLEARANCE WAS TERMINATED ON NOVEMBER 1, 1973, AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY WAS INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSES, 400 ARMY-NAVY DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

TOP SECRET, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1963, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THIS CLEARANCE WAS TERMINATED ON JANUARY 1, 1970, AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY WAS WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION, DEFENSE AND ELECTRONICS



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SYSTEMS, P. O. BOX 1693, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

TOP SECRET, DATED DECEMBER 22, 1967, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THIS CLEARANCE IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION, MAIN AVENUE, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT. ✓

TOP SECRET, DATED JULY 22, 1969, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THE CLEARANCE IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, 2101 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ✓

TOP SECRET, DATED MARCH 30, 1970, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THE CLEARANCE IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS DR. CHARLES H. TOWNES, CONSULTANT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, 2543 CHANNING WAY, ROOM 8, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. ✓

TOP SECRET, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1973, BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1959. THE CLEARANCE IS ACTIVE AND THE EMPLOYING AGENCY IS GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, 3044 WEST GRAND BOULEVARD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ✓

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ALEXANDRIA, AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSES.

BALTIMORE, AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

DETROIT, AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION.

NEW HAVEN, AT NORWALK, CONNECTICUT. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH PERKIN-ELMER CORPORATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN POSITION AS CONSULTANT.

WFO, AT WASHINGTON, D. C. VERIFY TOWNES EMPLOYMENT WITH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING APPOINTEE AND POSSIBILITY ABOVE EMPLOYMENT EXCEPT LEAD FOR DETROIT DIVISION HAVE BEEN VERIFIED.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976.

DCII, FORT MEADE, MARYLAND, WAS CHECKED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, AND REVEALED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE IS LOCATED IN U.S. ARMY INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS REPOSITORY (USAIRR) FILES 71 AC696243 AND 00 X1460448. INFORMATION POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH APPOINTEE IS LOCATED IN U.S. AIR FORCE (OSI) FILE.

REVIEW OF OSI FILE WILL APPEAR ELSEWHERE.

ARMY OFFICIALS ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER 20-22, 1976, THAT ABOVE USAIRR FILES WERE DECLARED MISSING.

BALTIMORE CASE BEING PLACED IN RUC STATUS, WITH A STOP PLACED WITH U.S. ARMY OFFICIALS FOR APPOINTEE'S FILE. WHEN FILES ARE LOCATED, THIS CASE WILL BE RE-OPENED AND RESULTS

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NONE OF THE PERSONS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES; SPIN; BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976 WOF

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.

AT BETHLEHEM, PA.: ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] MAIL

CARRIER, US POSTAL SERVICE, ADVISED [REDACTED]

RESIDE AT [REDACTED] AND HAVE BEEN THERE

APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS. HE BELIEVES [REDACTED] TO BE A [REDACTED]

AT [REDACTED] HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY KNOW THE COUPLE BUT HAS

NEVER HEARD ANY DEROGATORY REMARKS PASSED ABOUT THEM.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INCLUDING [REDACTED] ADVISED THE [REDACTED] ABOVE,

HAVE BEEN TENANTS FOR TWO YEARS, ARE A QUIET COUPLE WHO KEEP TO THEM-

SELVES AND HAVE NEVER CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS. HE SAID [REDACTED] IS

A [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IS ASSOCIATED WITH

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HIM IN SOME CAPACITY AT [REDACTED] THEY ARE PROMPT WITH THEIR RENTAL  
PAYMENTS, APPEAR TO BE HONEST AND STRAIGHT FORWARD. [REDACTED] HAS NO  
REASON TO QUESTION [REDACTED] CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION  
OR LOYALTY.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] CLERK, RECORDS ROOM, BETHLE-  
HEM POLICE DEPT., ADVISED SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF  
ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

ON SAME DATE, CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM V. MC DERMOTT, FOUNTAIN  
HILL, PA., WHICH MUNICIPALITY INCLUDES A PORTION OF [REDACTED]  
ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH

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REBUTEL SEPT. 16, 1976, AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE  
SEPT. 21, 1976.

PERSONS CONTACTED IN INSTANT MATTER WERE ADVISED OF  
PROVISIONS OF PRIVACY ACT AND DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

NEW HAVEN INDICES INDICATE APPOINTEE WAS SUBJECT OF  
A SPECIAL INQUIRY IN JULY, 1972.

REFERENCES:

ON SEPT. 21, 1976, CHESTER NIMITZ, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOARD OF PERKINS-ELMER (PE) CORP., NORWALK, CT., ADVISED HE  
HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS.  
ASSOCIATION CHIEFLY THROUGH THEIR MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF PE. NIMITZ SAID APPOINTEE IS AN EXTREMELY  
SCHOLARLY PERSON AND A NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT. HE SAID THE  
APPOINTEE'S INTEGRITY, CHARACTER, AND LOYALTY ARE ABOVE

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REPROACH AND HE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HIM.  
HE STATED HE WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, ROBERT H. SORENSON, PRESIDENT, PE CORP., NORWALK, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS STILL ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PE AND IS A GRACIOUS, SCHOLARLY PERSON. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENERAL MOTORS CORP. HE SAID APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY ARE UNQUESTIONED. HE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY ABOUT HIM AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ON SEPT. 21, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PE, NORWALK, ADVISED THAT ACCORDING TO HIS RECORDS APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PE SINCE JULY 15, 1966, AND CURRENTLY HOLDS A TOP SECRET CLEARANCE GRANTED BY THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE ON DECEMBER 27, 1967. HE SAID APPOINTEE HAS NEVER LIVED IN CONN. AND HIS RECORDS SHOW NOTHING UNFAVORABLE ABOUT HIM. HE SAID HE IS NOT ONLY QUANTIED WITH THE APPOINTEE.

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23,  
1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 16,  
1976, SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976,  
SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF  
THE CREDIT BUREAU METRO, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH  
COVERS THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, INDICATED A SATISFACTORY  
CREDIT RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF  
THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA,  
INDICATED NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR HIS  
IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF  
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  
WHICH COVERS BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, INDICATED NO RECORD  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

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ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

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PAYROLL SECTION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT CHARLES TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ON JULY 1, 1967, AS A PROFESSOR AT LARGE OF PHYSICS. HE IS PRESENTLY A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND CURRENTLY HOLDS THAT POSITION.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, LUIS W. ALVAREZ, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO. HE ALSO LIVES IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES, ONLY A FEW DOORS AWAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PROFESSOR TOWNES WITH REGARD TO CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY. HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN EXTREMELY FINE SCIENTIST, AND A FINE MAN IN ALL RESPECTS. PROFESSOR ALVAREZ WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

✓ ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, KINSEY ANDERSON, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND DIRECTOR OF SPACE SCIENCE LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY

OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. PROFESSOR ANDERSON STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE ONE OF THE BEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE WORLD. HE IS VERY VALUABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, AND AN EXCELLENT MAN IN ALL RESPECTS OF CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY. PROFESSOR ANDERSON WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, STATING THAT HE IS A FINE PERSON IN ALL RESPECTS. HIS CHARACTER AND LOYALTY ARE ABOVE REPROACH. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS AN EXCELLENT SCIENTIST AND HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND [REDACTED] UNIVERSITY

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OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE 1955, BOTH ON A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS. PROFESSOR [ ] STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS AN EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL OF FINE CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND IS A FINE SCIENTIST, WHO IS ADDING GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS. PROFESSOR [ ] BELIEVES PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN.

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ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, [ ] ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES SINCE 1962, BOTH ON A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS. PROFESSOR CHIAU CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A FINE FAMILY MAN. PROFESSOR [ ] WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [ ] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT

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HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES ALL OF THE TIME THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES HAS BEEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A VERY FINE SCIENTIST. HE IS SUPERB IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS. HE IS A GOOD FAMILY MAN AND A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. PROFESSOR

[REDACTED] STATED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND A PERSON WHOM HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

✓ ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, GERSON GOLDBABER, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE 1953, WHEN THEY WERE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TOGETHER.

PROFESSOR GOLDBABER ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR PROFESSOR TOWNES. ALL THE YEARS THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES HE BELIEVES HIM TO BE A VERY FINE MAN, A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND AN OUTSTANDING PHYSICIST. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVENTING THE LASER AND THE MASER, FOR WHICH PROFESSOR TOWNES RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. PROFESSOR GOLDBABER ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST

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CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, CARL HELMHOLZ, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE 1950, WHEN THEY WORKED TOGETHER FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. PROFESSOR HELMHOLZ STATED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PROFESSOR TOWNES WITH RESPECT TO CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A VERY ABLE PERSON, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS. HE IS AN OUTSTANDING MAN IN ALL RESPECTS. PROFESSOR HELMHOLZ STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, OWEN CHAMBERLAIN, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, STATING THAT HE IS THE TYPE OF MAN WHO SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN OUR COUNTRY. HE IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, IS VERY ABLE, INTELLIGENT, AND HARD WORKING. HE IS ESPECIALLY FINE IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND ALWAYS

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CONDUCTS HIMSELF AS A VERY FINE INDIVIDUAL. PROFESSOR CHAMBERLAIN STATED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE AN HONORABLE MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN, VERY INTELLIGENT, SENSIBLE INDIVIDUAL, AND A PERSON HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, RELIABLE, AND AN EXCELLENT SCIENTIST. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A LOYAL AMERICAN

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CITIZEN AND A MAN WHOM PROFESSOR MENDELSTAM WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, WULF B. KUNKEL, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND PROGRAM HEAD OF CONTROLLED FUSION DEPARTMENT, LAWRENCE BERKELEY LABORATORY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE HE CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO. PROFESSOR KUNKEL ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, A FINE FAMILY MAN, REASONABLE, AND A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. PROFESSOR KUNKLE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE IS VERY CAPABLE IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHOM PROFESSOR

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[REDACTED] WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST  
AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, ROBERT KARPLUS, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE 1949, WHEN THEY WORKED TOGETHER FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE USING SOME OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED DURING THE WAR. PROFESSOR KARPLUS STATED THAT HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PROFESSOR TOWNES. HE IS AN EVEN TEMPERED MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. PROFESSOR KARPLUS WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, EDWIN M. MC MILLAN, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF LAWRENCE BERKELEY LABORATORY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR MANY YEARS. HE STATED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN

AND A FINE MAN IN ALL RESPECTS. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS AN EXCELLENT SCIENTIST AND A PERSON WHOM PROFESSOR MC MILLAN WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED AS A COLLEAGUE WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PROFESSOR TOWNES AS FAR AS HIS CHARACTER, HE IS AN EXCELLENT MAN IN ALL RESPECTS. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHO POSSESSES DEEP INSIGHT AND HIGH INTELLIGENCE IN ALL AREAS. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, JOHN REYNOLDS, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. PROFESSOR REYNOLDS BELIEVES PROFESSOR TOWNES

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TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT PEOPLE IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. HE IS A VERY STALWART MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL IN ABILITY AND INTELLIGENCE. HE HAS BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS AND HAS ADDED GREATLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY PHYSICS DEPARTMENT. PROFESSOR REYNOLDS WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

NEIGHBORHOOD

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND RESIDING AT

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE

HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME THEY MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON AN ADJOINING STREET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN PROFESSOR TOWNES' HOME

ON MANY OCCASIONS AND THEY HAVE HAD SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS FROM TIME TO TIME. WITH TOWNES AND HIS WIFE, [REDACTED]

STATED THAT HE WOULD JUDGE PROFESSOR TOWNES AND HIS WIFE TO BE OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER AND

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LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES AND HIS FAMILY SINCE THEY MOVED TO BERKELEY IN APPROXIMATELY 1968.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS THE TOWNES FAMILY TO BE OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, THEY ARE LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZENS AND A FINE FAMILY IN ALL RESPECTS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

#### REFERENCES

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES, WHOM SHE HAS KNOWN SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE IS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A VERY FINE FAMILY MAN. [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE WOULD

HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, KENNETH PITZER, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO. PROFESSOR PITZER ADVISED THAT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES HAS BEEN PROFESSIONAL AS WELL AS SOCIAL. PROFESSOR PITZER STATED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHOM HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 2345 CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES CAME TO BERKELEY APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND

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A BRILLIANT MAN IN ALL RESPECTS. HE IS A VERY RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND A PERSON WHO FEELS A DUTY TO SERVE IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A DEACON IN THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN BERKELEY AND HAS SERVED THERE FOR SOME TIME. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 2345 CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE HE CAME TO THE BERKELEY AREA APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY AND HUMILITY. HE IS A WELL KNOWN SCIENTIST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IS A PLEASANT INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM TO WORK. PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN OF FINE CHARACTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE COMES FROM A FINE FAMILY, HIS WIFE AND YOUNGEST DAUGHTER HAVE LIVED IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, HIS OLDER DAUGHTERS WERE MARRIED AND SHE IS NOT

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PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THEM. SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

POLICE RECORDS

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, THE FILES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAINED A RECORD FOR PROFESSOR CHARLES H. TOWNES, WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS BY INDIVIDUALS WHO RECENTLY WERE RELEASED FROM MENTAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAINED NO OTHER RECORD CONCERNING PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, THE FILES OF THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAINED A RECORD WHEREIN PROFESSOR CHARLES H. TOWNES' AUTOMOBILE WAS STRUCK WHILE PARKED. NO ARREST RECORD WAS LOCATED FOR PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

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ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE PROFESSOR TOWNES JOINED THE FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS ASSOCIATION IS STRICTLY A PROFESSIONAL ONE, HAVING NO SOCIAL CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR TOWNES. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PROFESSOR TOWNES IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, HE IS CONSCIENTIOUS AND A VERY FINE SCIENTIST. HE IS ALSO A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHO IS WELL THOUGHT OF BY ALL OF HIS ASSOCIATES AND COLLEAGUES.

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ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, CARSON D. JEFFRIES, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH PROFESSOR CHARLES TOWNES SINCE 1951, WHEN PROFESSOR TOWNES WAS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. PROFESSOR JEFFRIES STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS PROFESSOR TOWNES TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A VERY INTELLIGENT MAN WHO HAS ALWAYS DEMONSTRATED ATTRIBUTES OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. PROFESSOR JEFFRIES WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PROFESSOR TOWNES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR

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CLEAR

CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1976 WITHOUT FAIL

RE SAN FRANCISCO TT TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, PAUL SCHWALBE, CHIEF OF POLICE, WRENTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE IN THE

FILES OF THE WRENTHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FOUND NO RECORD

REGARDING [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] CHIEF

SCHWALBE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED] BUT ADVISED

THE ADDRESS [REDACTED] WAS THE ADDRESS OF THE

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ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, [REDACTED] ASSISTANT TOWN

CLERK, WRENTHAM, MASS., ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS THE [REDACTED] OF THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. BOTH [REDACTED] ENJOY EXCELLENT  
REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

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ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, [REDACTED] SOUTH STREET,  
WRENTHAM, MASS., ADVISED SHE IS NOT A RELATIVE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT IS AWARE THAT [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR (161-4379) ROUTINE

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPIN, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976

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INMATTI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, [REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT RECORDS,

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION, DEFENSE AND ELECTRONICS  
SYSTEMS, P.O. BOX 1693, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ADVISED THE FILES  
OF HER OFFICE DO NOT REVEAL ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH  
THE APPOINTEE OR ANY INDICATION THAT HE WAS EVER EMPLOYED BY  
WESTINGHOUSE.

INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23,  
1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 21,  
1976; AND CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 22,  
1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, [REDACTED]

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION (GM),  
3044 WEST GRAND BOULEVARD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONE  
NUMBER [REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE BECAME AFFILIATED WITH  
GM ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1973, WHEN HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ON JANUARY 7, 1974, APPOINTEE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE PUBLISHED POLICY COMMITTEE AND LATER BECAME A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (DATE UNKNOWN), GM. APPOINTEE IS STILL ACTIVE WITH GM AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ABOVE MENTIONED COMMITTEES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET ONCE EVERY MONTH AT THE GM BUILDING IN NEW YORK, 767 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MEETING WHICH IS HELD IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF GM PER SE BUT AS AN OUTSIDE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HE MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT GM HAS NO PERSONNEL RECORD ON APPOINTEE BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSIDE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DUE TO THE BOARD MEETINGS BEING HELD GENERALLY IN NEW YORK, PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH APPOINTEE ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DETROIT HEADQUARTERS OF GM.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA

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RELATIVES

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE HAS KNOWN HENRY K.

TOWNES AND HIS FAMILY AS A NEIGHBOR FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS. SHE ADVISED THAT THE TOWNES FAMILY WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERATE, POLITE AND HELPFUL NEIGHBORS WHO ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HENRY K. TOWNES OR ANYONE ELSE IN HIS FAMILY.

CREDIT AND ARREST

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, [REDACTED]

CLERK, ANN

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ARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, ADVISED HER FILES CONTAINED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE OR APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, HENRY K. TOWNES. [REDACTED] CLERK, WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, ADVISED A REVIEW OF HER FILES CONTAINED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE OR APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, HENRY

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE, ARTHUR SCHAWLOW, 849 ESPLANADA WAY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY SINCE 1949. SCHAWLOW DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A SUPERB PERSON WHO HAS HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY. HE IS DISCREET, LOYAL, TRUSTWORTHY, AND INTELLIGENT. APPOINTEE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION AMONGST HIS PEERS, IS NOT POLITICALLY ACTIVE, BUT IS CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC WELFARE. SCHAWLOW ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAS NEVER USED ALCOHOL TO EXCESS. HE RECOMMENDED TOWNES WITHOUT HESITATION FOR ANY

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POSITION OF HIGH TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED  
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Date: 9/23/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 9/23/76  
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Reference Butdetype to WFO, 9/16/76.

LEADS: WFO. Will send interviews at NASA, Senator TUNNEY,  
(Calif.), State Department Sy, when transcribed.  
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Special Agent in Charge

WFO 161-3562

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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on September 21, 1976:

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contain no record for the appointee, CHARLES H. TOWNES.

The files of Records Office, WHO, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

WFO 161-3562

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On 9/20/76, SA [ ] determined that the following record concerning the appointee was contained in the Personnel Security Files, Division of Safeguards and Security, U. S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), Germantown, Maryland.

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Security file WA 111200 disclosed that:

- 5/25/70 USAEC Washington granted a "O" clearance to CHARLES HARD TOWNES for ACDA. This clearance continues active.
- 8/1/73 The "O" clearance with the White House was terminated.
- 1/29/74 The "O" clearance was extended for the appointee for AEC as a member of the Laser-Fusion Classification Panel.

The "O" clearance is active, for ACDA and ERDA.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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On September 20, 1976, Special Agent (SA) [ ] conducted the following investigation at the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), Germantown, Maryland.

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[ ] Division of Classification, confirmed that the appointee, CHARLES HARD TOWNES, had served on the ERDA Laser-Fusion Classification Panel from January, 1974, to the present time. [ ] explained that they had only two meetings of this panel at which time the appointee's advice and judgments were requested on matters of classification in the laser-fusion area. [ ] added that the appointee is highly knowledgeable in the area of laser-fusion and is generally regarded as an outstanding scientist in the United States of America. They were happy to have his services on this panel and because of his national reputation and his expertise in this area. [ ] further stated that there was no formal contract with the appointee as a consultant. Mr. CHARLES MARSHAL the former Director of the Division of Classification who would have known the appointee has retired from ERDA and has left the area. [ ] said that from his very limited contact with the appointee he was generally favorably impressed with him. He added, however, that his knowledge of the appointee was very much by reputation. He never heard anything adverse concerning the character, associates, reputation or loyalty of the appointee. He vouched he did not know the appointee sufficiently to make any recommendations concerning him. He knew of no reason why the appointee should not continue in the United States Government in a position of trust and confidence.

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[ ] added that there was no other person in the Division of Transportation who would know the appointee either personally or professionally.

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[ ] Clerk, ERDA, Personnel Office, advised that a check of her records reflected no contract of CHARLES HARD TOWNES as consultant with Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) or ERDA.

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U. S. SENATOR

ALAN CRANSTON, California, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN the appointee, CHARLES HARD TOWNES, is not personally known to him.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Review of Official Personnel File for appointee  
on 9/21/76 by SA [REDACTED] disclosed the following  
additional information:

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- 1/3/73 Exceeded appointment not to exceed 1/2/74  
as consultant, Space Program Advisory Council.
- 1/3/74 Reappointment not to exceed 1/2/75.
- 1/20/74 Title changed from Consultant to Expert.
- 1/3/75 Reappointment not to exceed 1/2/76.
- 9/28/75 Position changed to Expert, Space Science  
Steering Committee.
- 1/3/76 Reappointment not to exceed 1/2/77.



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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Review of the security file for the applicant in the Office of Security on 9/21/76 by SA [REDACTED] disclosed that secret security clearance granted the applicant on 7/18/72 was validated on 10/20/72 based on a full field investigation completed by the FBI on 7/27/72. The secret security clearance is still in effect.

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No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

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United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA)  
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

The Official Personnel File for CHARLES HARD TOWNES maintained by WF T-2 (ACDA) and reviewed on September 22, 1976, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] verified the following United States Government employment, subsequent to July 1, 1971. The file listed appointee's date of birth as July 28, 1915. The following actions were noted:

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July 1, 1972	Conversion to excepted appointment (intermittent) not to exceed June 30, 1973, as Physical Science Officer Consultant-WAE, ACDA, Science and Technology Bureau, WDC.
July 1, 1973	Conversion to excepted appointment (intermittent) not to exceed June 30, 1974, Nuclear Weapons and Advanced Technology Bureau.
July 1, 1974	Conversion to excepted appointment (intermittent) not to exceed June 30, 1975.
July 1, 1975	Conversion to excepted appointment (intermittent) not to exceed June 30, 1976.
July 1, 1976	Extension of excepted appointment not to exceed September 30, 1976, Non-Proliferation and Advanced Technology Bureau.

The appointee is currently serving in this capacity. No derogatory or additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

The security file maintained by WF T-2 (ACDA) was reviewed on September 22, 1976, by SA [redacted] and contained no additional pertinent information subsequent to July 12, 1972.

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United States Civil Service Commission (CSC)  
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

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On September 22, 1976, [REDACTED] Personnel  
Section, CSC, advised she could locate no record regarding  
CHARLES HARD TOWNES.

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United States Department of State (USDS)  
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

The Official Personnel Folder for CHARLES HARD TOWNES, maintained by WF T-1 (USDS) and reviewed on September 22, 1976, by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] verified the following United States Government employment. The folder listed the appointee's date of birth as July 28, 1915. The following actions were noted:

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August 19, 1969	Excepted appointment not to exceed one year as Physical Administration Officer, Consultant WAE, International Scientific and Technological Affairs, USDS, WDC, grade GS 15.
August 19, 1970	Conversion to excepted appointment not to exceed August 18, 1971.
August 19, 1971	Conversion to excepted appointment not to exceed August 18, 1972.
August 19, 1972	Conversion to excepted appointment not to exceed August 18, 1973.
August 19, 1973	Conversion to excepted appointment not to exceed August 18, 1974.
July 1, 1974	Change in appropriation/allotment.

No derogatory or additional pertinent information was contained in the folder.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on 9/20/76, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

On 9/20/76, SA [ ] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 9/20/76, SA [ ] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee.

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On 9/20/76, SA [ ] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

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MISCELLANEOUS

National Academy of Sciences (NAS)  
2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [redacted] on September 23, 1976:

[redacted] Personnel Office, advised  
she had no record for the appointee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] NAS, advised he  
knows appointee is a member of the Academy, which is  
tantamount to the Nobel Prize. [redacted] stated he knows  
about the appointee, but has never had contact with him  
and desired not to comment regarding his suitability  
for an appointment to a Government post.

[redacted]  
NAS, advised appointee's security file discloses he first  
became a member of NAS in 1956. [redacted] verified Top  
Secret clearance was issued July 22, 1969, and is active.  
File indicates appointee is joint Nobel Prize winner  
for Laser Studies with a Soviet scientist by the name of  
PROKEROV. There was nothing unfavorable and no additional  
pertinent information contained in this file.

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SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on September 23, 1976, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

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SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on September 23, 1976, that no derogatory information was found concerning the appointee.

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Date: 9/24/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
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to Director, 9/23/76.LEAD: WFO. ☐ outstanding.

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### EMPLOYMENT

#### National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Doctor JOHN NAUGLE, Associate Administrator, advised SA [ ] on September 22, 1976, that he has been professionally acquainted with the appointee for approximately 15 years. He described the appointee as an outstanding physicist of great competence who has served as a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a number of years. Doctor NAUGLE spoke favorably of the appointee's loyalty, associates, character, and reputation and further noted that he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning him. Doctor NAUGLE concluded by recommending TOWNES for a trusted position with the Government.

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Doctor [ ] advised SA [ ] on September 22, 1976, that he has been acquainted with the appointee for approximately eight years on a professional basis. He stated that the appointee was a very highly regarded scientist and functioned as a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on a part time basis in addition to his regular employment as a professor at the University of California. Doctor [ ] said that the appointee enjoyed a good reputation among his professional associates and was a person of good character who was apparently loyal to the United States. Nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the appointee had come to Doctor [ ] attention and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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Doctor [ ] Astronomy and Relativity Division, advised SA [ ] on September 22, 1976, that she has been professionally acquainted with the appointee for about 20 years and has always found him to be an honest, above board, fairminded, sober, reliable, person of good character, reputation and associates. She noted that the appointee is an international renowned scientist of great ability and competence and further stated that she had no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. She said she knew absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee and she recommended him highly for a sensitive position with the United States Government.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

[REDACTED] to U. S. Senator  
JOHN V. TUNNEY, California, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN the  
Senator is unavailable and she is authorized to speak. He  
would have no objection to the appointment of the appointee,  
CHARLES HARD TOWNES to a position of trust and confidence.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

The appointee's file in the Office of Security (SY), Department of State was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on September 21, 1976, and was found to contain no additional pertinent information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (P)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 9/23/76  
WITHOUT FAIL

Reference WFO airtel to Director, 9/24/76.

LEAD: WFO. Will furnish results of OSI [REDACTED] check  
when available. [REDACTED] outstanding.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on September 24, 1976:

[REDACTED]  
National Academy of Sciences, advised he has known the  
appointee professionally for approximately 15 years.  
[REDACTED] advised the appointee is an excellent scientist  
in his field of lasers. He has no evidence of excessive  
use of alcohol and vouched for his excellent character,  
associates, reputation and loyalty. [REDACTED] would  
highly recommend CHARLES HARD TOWNES for a position of  
trust and confidence.

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1 - Mr. Fehl  
1 - Mr. Steel  
1 - Mr. Laffey

*Photo Encl*

CC TO: <i>White House</i>
REQ. REC'D <i>9/19/82</i>
APR 22 1982
ANS. <i>[redacted]</i>
BY: <i>[redacted] mm</i>

September 30, 1976

BY LIAISON

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Miss Jane Dannenhauer  
Staff Assistant (Security)  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Photo*

CC TO: <i>CSC</i>
REQ. REC'D <i>4/18</i>
MAY 9 1978
ANS. <i>[redacted]</i>
BY: <i>LSH/REC/ld</i>

Dear Miss Dannenhauer:

In accordance with a request received from you on September 16, 1976, an investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Charles Hard Townes. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

*copy*

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Dr. Townes in 1947, 1959, 1966, 1969, and 1972, the results of which have been previously furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since July, 1972.

*[redacted]* has advised that a check of its files concerning Dr. Townes has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

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Sincerely yours,

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*9/30/76 P.M.*

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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BY: <i>[redacted]</i>

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NOTE: The White House requested investigation of Townes who is being considered for a Presidential appointment to an unspecified position. He continues to be employed by the University of California, Berkeley, California, as a physics professor. Investigation favorable. *[redacted]* outstanding.

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~~AN~~ APPLICANT-TYPE INVESTIGATION ~~was~~ <sup>conducted</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>on various dates, the last of which was</sup> 1976

CONCERNING THE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL. THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION WERE FURNISHED

TO THE WHITE HOUSE. FOR DETAILED RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION, YOU

ARE REFERRED TO

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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Date: 10/7/76

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(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3562) (RUC)

CHARLES HARD TOWNES  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: PAST  
WITHOUT FAIL

Reference WFOairtel, 9/27/76.

ref. The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Meade, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy, and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on September 20, 1976, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the appointee is contained in the files of the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and was advised on October 6, 1976, that the files contained no additional pertinent information.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (161-4379) ROUTINE

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CHARLES HARD TOWNES; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.

ARMY OFFICIALS, FORT MEADE, MARYLAND, MADE AVAILABLE  
USAIIR FILE REGARDING APPOINTEE ON NOVEMBER 11, 1976. THE  
FILE CONTAINED NOTHING ADDITIONAL SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW OF FILE  
BY SA [REDACTED] ON JULY 13, 1972.

NO ONE CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CHARLES TOWNES

Captioned individual, also known as Charles Ward Townes, who you advised was born July 28, 1915, in Greenville, South Carolina, and holds Social Security Number 555-12-5071, was the subject of several applicant-type investigations by the FBI. The latest investigation concerning Townes was in 1976. Enclosed for your review are five summary memoranda and three FBI letters which relate to the above-mentioned investigations regarding Townes.

(77-81576) (161-4379)

In addition, also enclosed is a characterization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), which organization is mentioned in summary memorandum dated July 27, 1972, Page 5. The SWP has a pending suit against the Attorney General of the United States, the FBI, et al.

The central files of the FBI, and the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (9)

NOTE: Per request from Mr. Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, at the White House.

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1 Mr. Moore, Attn: [redacted]

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Subject Townes, CharlesBirthdate & Place                     Address                     Localities                     

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L 161-4379-32 SUM 3-11-66

L 161-4379-55 SUM 5-16-69

L 161-4379-94 SUM 2-27-72

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APR 19 1982

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MEMO NAR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1982

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name TOWNES, CHARLES (SS# 555-12-5071)

Date of Birth July 28, 1915 Place of Birth Greenville, South Carolina

Present Address 1988 San Antonio Avenue, Berkley, California 94720

We request: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Previous Report

X

Name Check

Full Field Investigation NO ☐ TO FBI

The person named above is being considered for:

\_\_\_\_\_ White House Staff Position

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Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

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Remarks/Special Instructions:

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DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE  
CAPITAL REGION INVESTIGATIVE FIELD OFFICE (D15DC)  
U.S. NAVAL STATION, BUILDING 44-A  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20374

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Capital Region (D15DC)

May 14, 1984

[Redacted]

Assistant to the Counsel  
to the President (Security)  
Room 84, White House Security  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20500

WHITE HOUSE  
SECURITY OFFICE

MAY 16 1984

Dear Madam:

Request that you furnish this agency with investigative file concerning one Charles Hard Townes, aka: None, D&POB: 28 Jul 15, Greenville, SC, SSN: 555-12-5071, specifically, applicant investigation conducted in April, 1982. Copy of this investigation is required to aid the Defense Department in making a security determination on Townes, who is currently being considered for a position of trust.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*Jesse M. Maness*  
JESSE M. MANESS  
Special Agent in Charge

[Redacted]

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Subject Townes, Charles Harold  
 Birthdate & Place 7-28-15 Greenville SC  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>Summary</u>
	<u>4-26-82</u>
	<u>Summary</u>
	<u>9-20-76</u>

Charles Harold Almy  
(S.T.)

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERNAL ROUTING/ACTION SLIP**

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	213	7159	Technical Services Division		231	3634	Legal Research Unit
	245	7427	Legal Counsel Division		314	6995	Freedom of Info Act (FOIA)
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I concur with your response.  
It is unclear how the information re SWP/YSA was obtained.  
Therefore, it's better to err on the side of caution and withhold the information in accordance with the SWP order.

☐ Call Me  
☐ See Me

☐ For Your Info.  
☐ Note & Return

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Room 7338 TL # 213 Phone 4532 Date 5/17/98

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<p>Information from these file  was sent back to NCRSU.</p>					